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Front view of George Mason Senior High School

On the cover: Through the use of ovals and arrows, the **Mustang** staff has sought to represent the educational process as continuous, progressive movement.

Varsity football player Michael Harmuth, junior, kicks the ball.

Moving in the right direction

For Mustangs moving in the right direction meant having a means to an end. This year students, faculty, and administration worked together to achieve goals and earn locally and nationally recognized awards.

Many students were recognized for accomplishments in various areas. For example, senior IB students Rob Muñoz and Indra Levy were National Merit Semi-Finalists. The **Lasso** staff received first prize in a VHSL newspaper competition, and the Athletic Department produced many energetic, spirited teams who performed well and raised school spirit with the help of the cheerleaders. Everyone at George Mason was proud to be a Mustang.

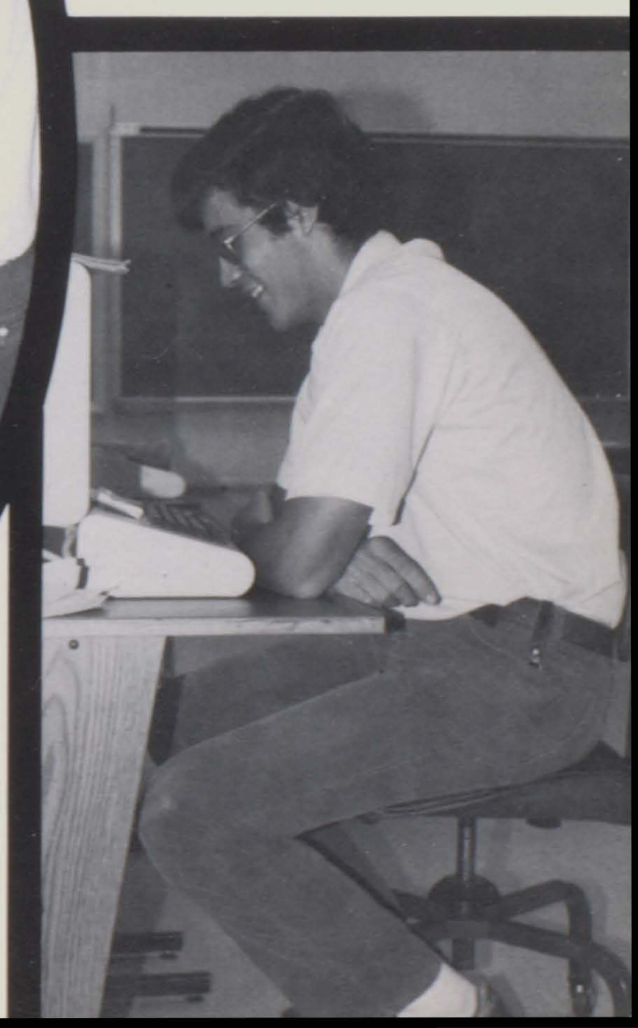
Being an "exemplary" school, George Mason reaped the rewards of having a strong and dedicated staff and student body who worked together to win points, trophies, and recognition. They weren't afraid to take risks, revise curriculums, or set up IB classes, despite a small student population. IB classes granted credit for advanced or college level courses to students who met the required grade point average and passed their spring examinations. The Mustangs made every effort to move in the right direction.

A stop sign in the front circular driveway moves school traffic in "the right direction."

Clapping hard, George Mason's cheerleaders raise school spirit at Homecoming.

Hard at work, senior Indra Levy, editor of the award-winning **Lasso,** and junior Kim Leddy work at the light table in Journalism class.

Junior Greg Huffman and Mr. Alan Krueger discuss an experiment.



Senior Rob Muñoz views the IBM Computer's screen.

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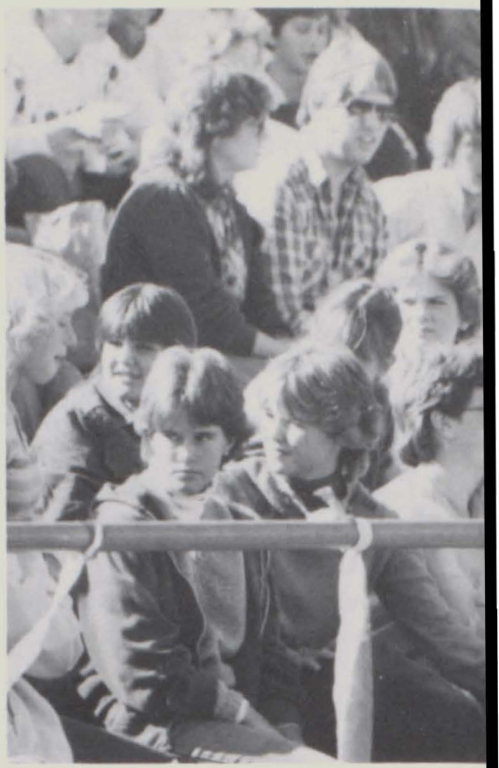
On the bleachers, Homecoming fans watch the game.

Studying for a test, U.S. History students outline a chapter.



National Honor Society — Front Row: Tuan Chau. **Second Row:** Ms. Nancy DePasquale (sponsor), Liesl Leach, Hedda Chang, Susan Armstrong, Suzanne Bastarache, Debbie Keay, Andrew Feltman, John Steinbock, Amy Meserve. **Third Row:** Indra Levy, Sarah Cheek, Mary Jo Shannon, Karen Yamhure, Greg Huffman, Karen Seal, Mandy Forsythe. **Fourth Row:** Elinor Scully, Sharon Boles, John Ratliff, Genevieve Torchio, Katie Jacomet, Hughes Melton, Karen Cohen.

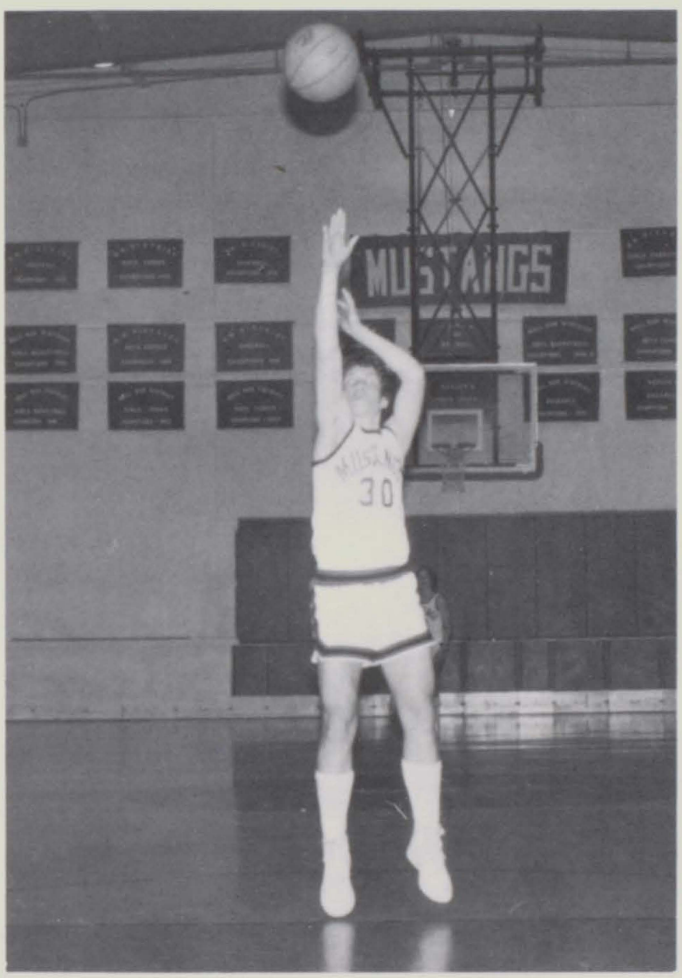
On the bench, art student Tom Crossan, senior, sketches trees.

Moving toward a goal

The common goal that made the Mustangs move in the right direction was to be "one of the best."In a September 29th memorandum to the staff, Dr. Thoms stated, "Each of you should be very proud of the work . . . that is done by all of us together."

GM was one of 152 school given the exemplary status by a panel of 27 educational experts under the direction of President Ronald Reagan. According to the October 21st issue of **Lasso,** GM was "drawn onto the U.S. Map of Education."

At the Celebration of Excellence assembly, guest speaker Dr. T.H. Bell explained the criteria for evaluation. GM had high college entrance exam scores, good attendance, a low drop out rate, good order and discipline, an outstanding administration, and strong leadership and community support.



Against Stonewall Jackosn of Mt. Jackson, Mike Buddendeck (30) makes a foul shot.

From the Falls Church Police, Officer Jim Chandler meets casually with students.

Moving together

There was no doubt about it. This year the Mustangs moved together and their school spirit grew stronger than ever. Out of a concern for and acceptance of each other, students worked together to make their year at G.M. a rewarding one.

An orientation assembly welcomed in the new academic year, followed by a pep rally and dance. After that, homecoming week activities to boost school pride were organized and underway.

Clubs and teams held fundraisers to raise money for supplies, activities, and field trips, which took them to such places as The Washington Post, Meredith Creek, UVA, and Camp Shiloh. The Mustangs quickly realized that in order to have a successful year, they had to work together to make it better.

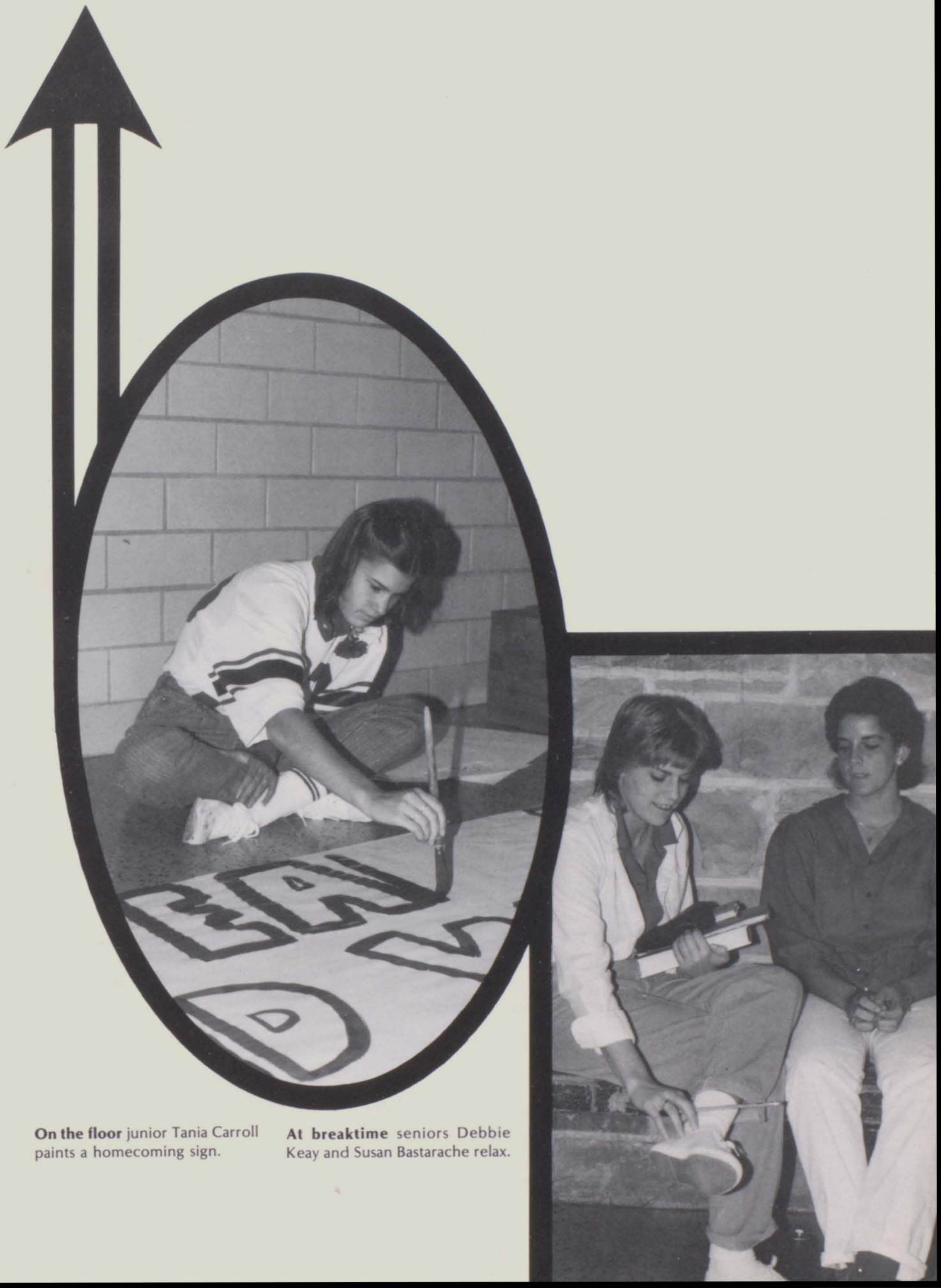
The auditorium was the scene of many special productions and events, such as November's Celebration of Excellence televised assembly and "One Act Plays."

If students weren't moving together in the hallway, they were in class, at lunch, or relaxing with friends in the student lounge. Wherever they were, they were moving in the right direction.

Caught without umbrellas, teachers and students respond to a rainy October fire drill.

Just in time, Chris Erikson catches the 3 p.m. bus.

With left eye covered, senior Steve Ferrari reads an eye chart during Health Screening Day, while Ms. Sue Graves, school nurse, and senior Tom Fry stand by.



On the floor junior Tania Carroll paints a homecoming sign.

At breaktime seniors Debbie Keay and Susan Bastarache relax.

OFF TO A GOOD START

The excitement of the first pep rally and school dance made Mustangs glad to be back.

Students reported to school on Tuesday, September 6th. Orientation week was a very busy one. An opening assembly included a slide show and skit. Mr. Don Beyer, the keynote speaker, encouraged the students to make the most of every educational opportunity offered to them by the City of Falls Church.

Senior Denise Shuster, President of SCC, addressed the students at this assembly and later at the pep rally, held on September 9th. She explained that it was "cool" to attend school functions. She said, "You're cool if you go to tonight's dance. And you're cool if you go to the school games. So I want to see you there."

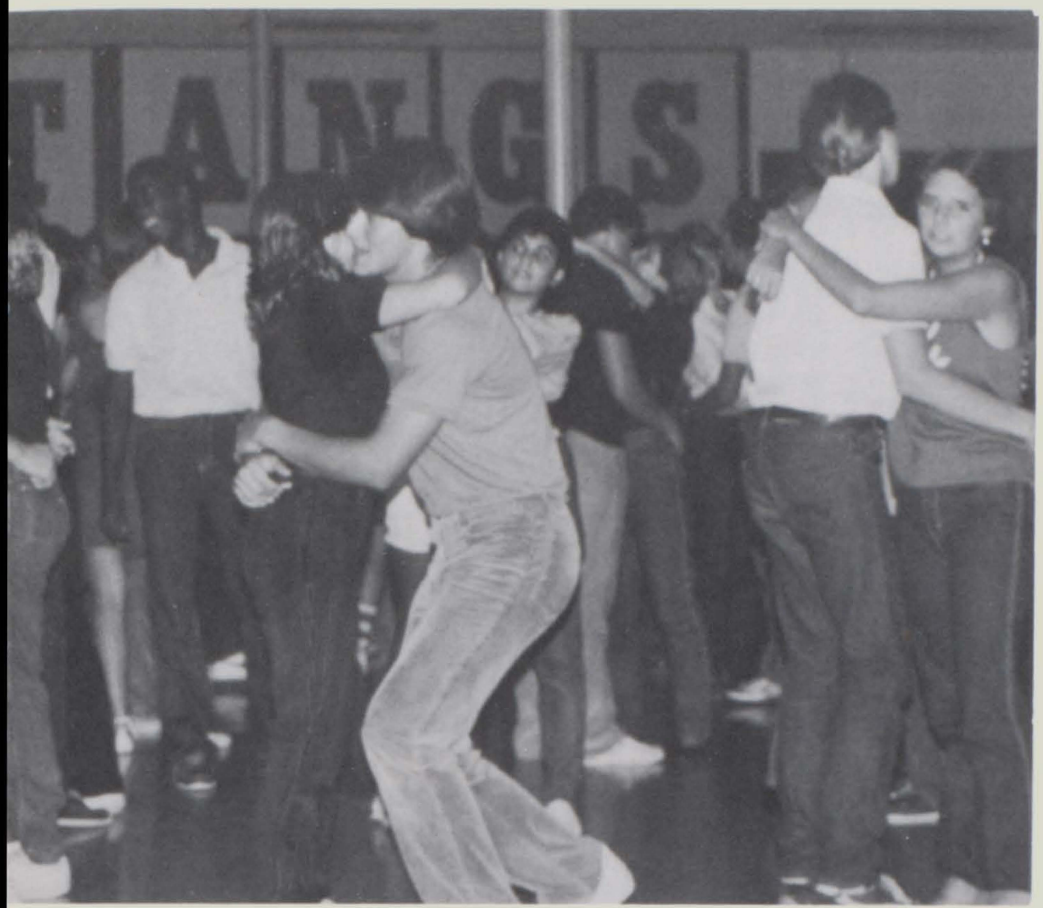
The cheerleaders and football team took to the stage to "fire-up" the student body. A lot of applause was heard.

At class meetings students learned (or re-learned) G.M.'s rules and regulations. The school year was underway.

The audience listens to a speaker at the pep rally.

Using the microphone, senior Denise Shuster leads a cheer.

Seniors Buddy Buzzerd and Tom Fry introduce the football teams.



Holding tight, Mustangs dance to slow music at the first dance of the school year.

Applauding her twin sister, junior Laura Jacomet cheers Katie on during a dance contest.

Stationed at the front door, freshmen Cynthia Rodriguez, Barabara Buzzerd, and Susan Greenleaf sell raffle tickets at the dance.

Bagging old-fashioned popcorn, Mr. Roger Bratton chaperones the dance.

SPIRITED AND BUSY

Dress-up days, a pep rally, and more made Homecoming week fun.

There was no doubt about it. Homecoming week was the busiest week on record because students of all grades were involved in its spirited fun. Homecoming activities required so much organization that four faculty members volunteered to work closely with the students to assure its success. Ms. Nancy Williamson, Ms. Beth Orloff, Ms. Joan Tannenbaum, and Mr. Alan Krueger met with students in September and early October to prepare for the week of October 11th.

"Red and White Day" started everything off. The festivities ended with October 15th's home football game against Brentsville, which the Mustangs won, 14-0. Senior Krit Sirichanya said, "Homecoming assured us that it was going to be a good year!"

In class, freshman Chris Jackson wears the winning hat for Homecoming week.

Dressed for Tacky-Punk Day, Rod McLeod, senior, Laura Jacomet, junior, Betty Jo Renner and Donald Burdick, seniors, model their mod outfits, worn on October 12th.

Full of energy, cheerleaders Michelle Strite, freshman, Lauri Smith, senior, Kelli Smith, freshman, Susan Jacomet, Joanne Sheftie, and Kimberly White, sophomores, lead a cheer at the Homecoming game.

Dressed tacky-punk from head to toe, seniors Amy Meserve and Denise Shuster study a play in IB English.

Number 12, junior Rodney Phillips, quarterback, hands off to Darren Thomas, Senior.

At the end of their performance, freshman Jennifer Conway, senior Rod McLeod, and junior Holly Hoofnagle enjoy the applause.

Facing the audience, sophomore Roger Camp, junior Cathie Caprio, and sophomore Andrew Smith prepare to take a bow.

After the last performance, senior Rod McLeod prepares to cart away some props.

Before curtain call, junior John Ratliff mentally goes over his lines.

Posing as Mrs. Curator, junior Holly Hoofnagle rehearses her part.

The performers felt the thrill of . . .

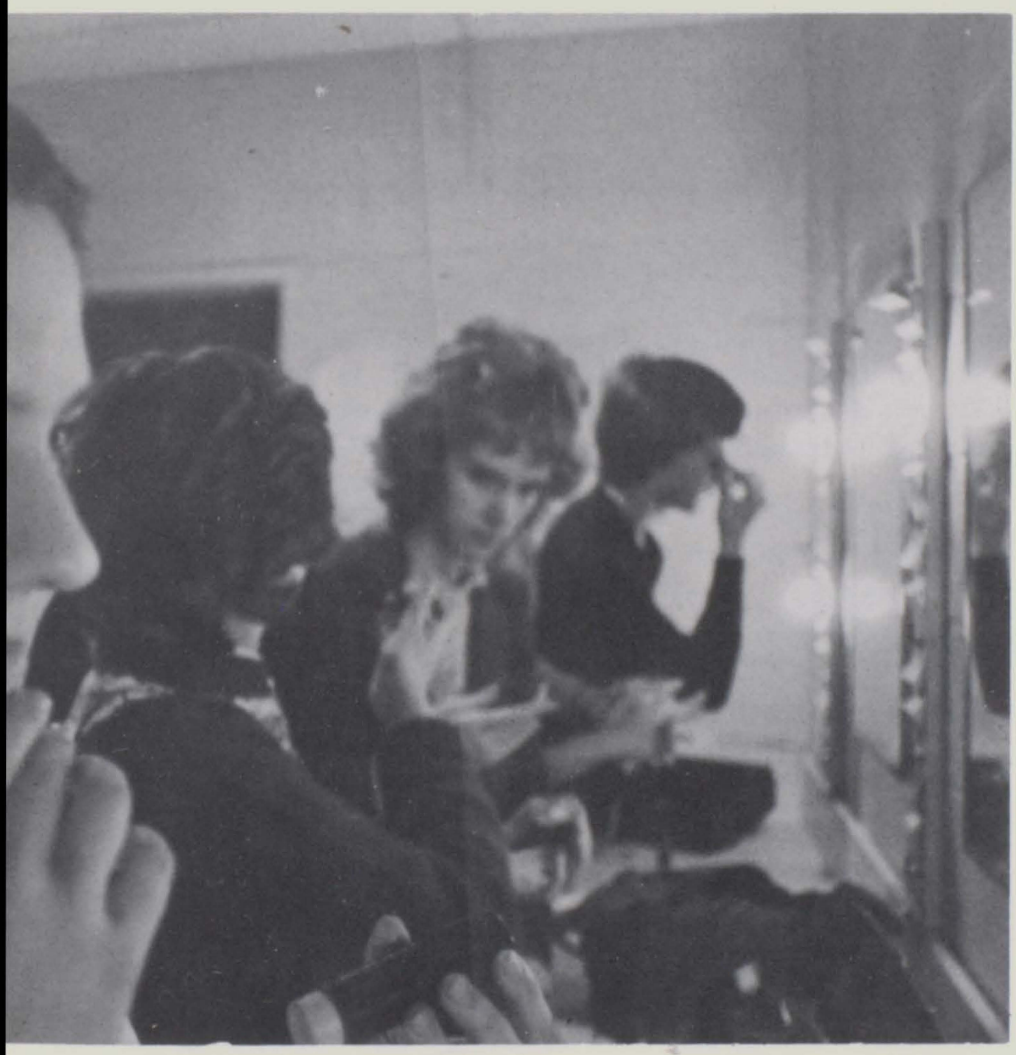
BEING ON STAGE

Joining the Drama Club, sponsored by Mr. Karl Hollander, involved such aesthetic experiences as attending a November Kennedy Center Theatre Workshop and performing in a March dramatic festival. The highlight of the year's club events was presenting three one-act plays on GM's stage on November 17th, 18th, and 19th.

The first play, "Mrs. Curator's Proposal," starred Jennifer Conway (Jane), Rod McLeod (Stan,), and Holly Hoofnagle (Mrs. Curato).

The second play, "The Interview," starred John Ratliff (Abraham Moscowitz) and Nina Tosti (Jamie Shannon). According to John, a junior, "Theatre is a lot of hard work, but you're so glad to get to performance." Nina, a junior, added, "A real audience is nice to have."

The third play, "Doing a Good Job For the Red Man," starred sophomores Andrew Smith (Indian) and Roger Camp (Leonard). Junior Cathie Caprio was Grace.



Before their performance Cathie Caprio, junior, and Roger Camp, sophomore, practice a scene.

At the make-up light, junior Nina Tosti transforms into Jamie Shannon.

Proudly, senior Denise Shuster and Marty Walsh (M.S.) hold up the exemplary flag.

ONE OF "THE BEST"

Distinguished guest speakers, music, presentations, and a reception made Celebration of Excellence a gala event.

"I thought the kids were excited about it. It was nice to have outstanding people come to our school." These were the words of Ms. Betty-Jo Dawkins after the Celebration of Excellence assembly, held on November 15th, G.M.'s community day.

G.M. students, staff, parents, city officials, community members, and former staff members attended this special event, which was the school's highlight of National Education Week. It began at 8:15 a.m. in the auditorium and ended with a reception in the media center.

On stage were G.M.'s administration, faculty, student councils, the chorus, and two special guests, Ms. Margaret S. Marston, a member of the Commission on Excellence, and U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. T.H. Bell.

Dr. Bell presented the exemplary flag to SCC Presidents Denise Shuster and Marty Walsh and the plaque to Ms. Joyce Lowry and Mr. C.S. Rockwell, teachers.

Singing "Who Am I?", the High School Chorus performs at the Celebration of Excellence assembly, led by Ms. Valarie Picini. Junior Katie Jacomet was the accompanist; Nina Tosti, junior, was the soloist.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Whereas, George Mason High School in the city of Falls Church was nominated to participate in the Secondary School Recognition Program conducted throughout the nation by the U. S. Department of Education; and,

Whereas, George Mason High School was selected by the U. S. Department of Education as one of 144 outstanding secondary schools in the nation;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education congratulates the administrators, teachers, and students of George Mason High School for this noteworthy achievement.

Presented at Richmond, Virginia this ninth day of December, 1983.

Henry W. Tullach Mark Travel Jr

Frances A Lewis [illegible]

[illegible] Margaret S. Marston

[illegible] W. L. Lemmon

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President

The resolution and the proclamation, issued to G.M. by the Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 9th.

With Dr. George Thoms at his side, Dr. Terrel Bell displays the plaque given to G.M.

Marching to the beat of "2001"-type music, the Junior Variety Show cast practices the opening number.

With startled faces, the storm troopers, played by junior Peter Droujinsky, Rod McLeod, and Wayne Hunt, seniors, watch with apprehended Denise Shuster, senior, as Dr. Thoms' face appears on a screen.

THE SPICE OF LIFE

A highlight of an otherwise cold March when students felt spring feverish was the Junior Variety Show. The proverb "Hard work pays off" proved true for the cast. For five long weeks the cast put a lot of time and energy into auditions, after-school rehearsals, evening dress rehearsals, and three performances on GM's stage. Directed by two teachers, Ms. Val Picini and Mr. John Ballou, the show was performed on March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd during evening performances. A spaghetti dinner preceded the March 2nd show. According to Laura Jacomet, junior, "There's a lot more to the JV Show than just being in it. You have to organize your actual act, work on props, and come to opening practices with the whole cast."

The show reflected all the hard work put into it. Besides acts featuring the entire cast, individuals and partners performed. Featuring such memorable acts as "My Ding-a-Ling," "Time Warp," and "Silly Walks," the show was a complete success.

The opening act caught everyone's immediate attention and interest. The entire cast engaged in a spoof of a computer commercial seen on TV. Marching to ethereal choral music, the marchers fell on stage after Denise Shuster threw a hammer and smashed a picture of President Reagan, only to reveal Dr. Thoms' face. Storm troopers quickly apprehended Denise.

Forming straight lines, half the cast marches toward the other half during the rehearsal of the opening number.

Suggesting ideas, Ms. Val Picici (Co-director) confers with C.J. Cliff, junior, about his act.

Having thrown a hammer at Ronald Reagan's face on a screen, Denise is escorted across the stage by the storm troopers.

A MEANS TO AN END

The SCC (Student Coordinating Council), sponsored by Mr. Roger Bratton, met biweekly on Wednesdays to represent GM's student body. Each club elected a representative to attend the meetings and voice his opinion on student issues and concerns. Its officers were the following students: Denise Shuster (President), Charles Shuster(Vice President), Rod McLeod (Parliamentarian), and Suzanne Bastarache (President Protemp). Senior Jack Fetner said, "I enjoy serving the whole student body and my fellow community."

One traditional highlight of belonging to SCC was going on a retreat to Camp Shiloh, two hours away near Standardsville, Virginia. During the weekend of October 29th at Shiloh, students broke off into small groups to consider and set guidelines for student concerns such the GM Constitution, cheating, and standards of behavior. Besides attending meetings, students played games, ran relays, and solved problems. They even slept under the stars around the campfire. Sophomore Mandy Forsythe said, "I had a great time. It was fun, but it was freezing! I woke up with frost in my hair."

The junior and senior class councils and the freshmen and sophomore class officers were elected in the fall. They worked closely with their grade's sponsor to represent their class, organize activities, and raise money for their class treasury.

At the campfire, SCC members bed down for the night at Shiloh.

At Shiloh, Dr. George Thoms and SCC members play volleyball.

SCC — Front Row: Mr. Roger Bratton, sponsor. **Second Row:** Roger Camp, Karen Yamhure, Denise Shuster, Shelley Black, Judy Sunderland. **Third Row:** Craig Leavitt, Debbie Bruce, Eileen Tully, Suzanne Bastarache, Lauri Smith, Renee Leavitt, Rod McLeod. **Back Row:** C.J. Cliff, Greg Huffman, Susan Schneider, Katie Jacomet, Rob Munoz.

Senior Class Council — Mr. C.S. Rockwell (Co-sponsor), Lauri Smith, Rod McLeod (SCC Representative), Jack Fetner, Mary Smolinski, Gus Shuster (Chairman), Debbie Keay, Mr. Phil Lindsey (Co-sponsor).

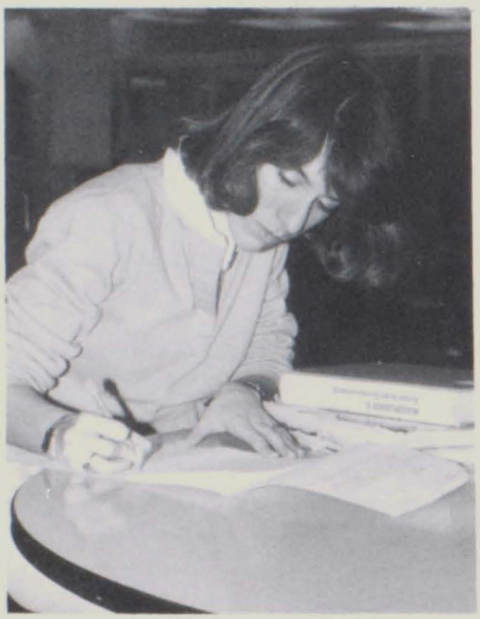
Junior Class Council — Front Row: Susan Armstrong, Renee Leavitt, Karen Cohen (Co-chairperson). **Second Row:** Greg Huffman, Karen Seal, Laura Jacomet (Co-chairperson), Ms. Mary Lee Tatum (Sponsor). **Third Row:** John Ratliff, Mary Jo Shannon.

Sophomore Class Officers — John Steinbock (Treasurer), Mandy Forsythe (President), Susan Schick (Vice President), Elinor Scully (Secretary). Absent: Mr. William Robertson (Sponsor).

Freshmen Class Officers — Mr. Richard Trimble (Sponsor), Joey Ritenour (Secretary), Erin Crowley (President), Barbara Buzzerd (Vice President), Judy Sunderland (SCC Representative), Shelley Black (Treasurer).

Using a ruler, seniors Christine and Genevieve Torchio and Debbie Bruce measure **Mustang** copy.

Working independently, sophomore Susan Schick writes a **Mustang** story.



With pencil in hand, junior Hedda Chang proofreads **Mustang** copy.

With pages spread out, junior Tracy Williams and seniors Liesl Leach and Mike Stevens create **Mustang** captions.

Flipping through pages, senior Krit Sirichanya, sophomore Bich Mai, and senior Ngoc Mai get ideas for the **Mustang.**

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

In the print shop, Mr. Frank Sheedy and junior Mark Sikkar work on the **Lasso.**

Students interested in journalism and creative writing joined publications' clubs. Senior Debbie Bruce, **Mustang** editor and **Lasso** editorial page editor, said, "I enjoy journalism because I can interact with students as well as provide them with information."

The **Mustang** staff met regularly from September through March in order to meet their four deadlines. Ms. Nancy Tucker, sponsor, described the staff as "dedicated, congenial, and reliable."

The **Lasso** staff met daily as a journalism class, taught by Mr. Michael Hoover. They published six regular issues and several special ones, all printed in the print shop under the direction of Mr. Frank Sheedy. Staff member Rod McLeod, senior, said, "I now have an appreciation for the newspaper business." Senior Indra Levy was editor-in-chief.

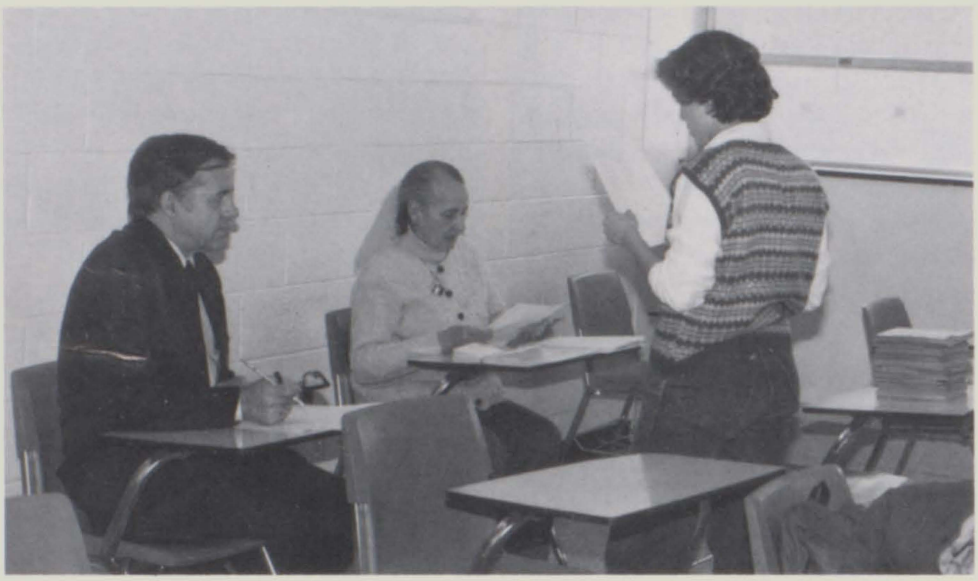
In the spring the print shop also printed the **Tempo,** a literary-arts magazine, sponsored by Ms. Barbara Stuckey. Indra Levy described it as "meaningful, because it united artwork and literature through layout as a third art medium." This year's theme was "the house."

Displaying their VHSL publications' awards, sponsors Barbara Stuckey **(Tempo)** and Michael Hoover **(Lasso)** stand proudly with their staffs. **Front Row:** Andrea Wallace, Cathie Caprio, Craig Leavitt, Rod McLeod, Debbie Bruce, Mary Jo Shannon, Nina Tosti, Ms. Barbara Stuckey, Mr. Michael Hoover. **Back Row:** Eileen Tully, Tom Fry, Holly Hoofnagle.

At a Tempo meeting, senior Indra Levy and junior John Ratliff discuss his Australian house ideas.

Tempo Staff — Front Row: Andrea Wallace, Kim Leddy, Ms. Barbara Stuckey (Sponsor). **Back Row:** Nina Tosti, Indra Levy, John Ratliff.

Preparing for her cite reading, junior Ellen Mittendorf reads to Forensic Co-sponsors, Mr. Milt Davis and Ms. Carol Cofey.



On the way to the Forensic Dinner Meet, sophomore Roger Camp holds his traveling trophy.

Forensic Club — Front Row: Ms. Carol Cofey (Co-sponsor). **Second Row:** Denise Shuster (President), Eileen Tully, Roger Camp, Clara Green. **Back Row:** Eileen Mittendorf, C.J. Cliff, Greg Huffman, Mara Paukert. (Absent: Co-Sponsor Milt Davis, Peter Droujinski, Susie Jacomet, Hughes Melton, Nina Tosti, Don Burdick, Rick Williamson).

History Games member, senior Rod McLeod works on a club project during Ms. Leslie Diehm's TA.

Before "It's Academic" practice starts, senior Rob Munoz and sophomore Andy Feltman relax.

Receiving a $150 check, Rob Munoz shakes a local Grand Union employee's hand.

FACING THE CHALLENGE

Joining some clubs meant much more than socializing and organizing activities; joining them meant accepting challenges. Members had to be alert.

Forensics Club, sponsored by Ms. Carol Cofey and Mr. Milt Davis, met on Wednesdays. Students practiced public speaking in order to compete in local, district, regional, and State speaking competitions as well as in Northern Virginia AAA monthly speaking events. Ms. Cofey described the team as "dedicated and delightful with great potential."

History Games, sponsored by Ms. Leslie Diehm, was the club to join for students with an interest in history and sports and a desire to recreate past events. Feeling the competitive spirit, students played war and sports games every week.

It's Academic team members met every two weeks to practice for a January 7th academic competition against other Washington Metropolitan area schools on WRC's TV show called "It's Academic," emceed by Mr. Mac McGarry. Team members had to recall knowledge in many subject areas.

By placing third, they received a scholarship for $150, donated by a local Grand Union. Competitor Clara Green, junior, said, "Being on TV was fun. I like trivia."

ACROSS THE MILES

For foreign language club members the miles that separated them from foreign lands seemed fewer. They met monthly to study French, Spanish, or Latin, while learning about foreign cultures, having a lot of fun, and planning social events.

The French Club, sponsored by Ms. Ileana Alim, organized many social events such as a fondue party. They also dreamed about a trip to Paris. The club was combined with the French Honor Society, which was, according to Susan Armstrong, "for academic achievers dedicated to the study of the French language."

The Spanish Club, sponsored by Mr. Robert Snee, and the Latin Club, sponsored by Ms. Joan Tannenbaum, also planned field trips and special dinners. The Latin Club members even dressed up in togas and celebrated the Ides of March.

French Club — Front Row: Susan Armstrong, Cathie Caprio, Liesl Leach, Andrew Smith. **Second Row:** Ngoc Mai, Tuan Chau, Krit Sirichanya, Sarah Cheek, Andrea Wallace. **Back Row:** Bick Mai, Cristina Naupari, Andrew Smith, Ms. Ileana Alim (Sponsor), Susan Schick, Tania Carroll, Genie Nolan, Carrie Dove.

Spanish Club — Front Row: Hedda Chang, John Steinbock, Jane Sunderland. **Second Row:** Greg Huffman, Karen Yamhure, Mary Jo Shannon, Amy Johnson, Susie Jacomet. **Back Row:** Jeff Lenker, Mr. Robert Snee (Sponsor), Karen Seal, Karen Cohen, Mara Paukert.

Latin Club — Front Row: Jane Arons, Amy Meserve. **Second Row:** Buddy Buzzerd, Renee Leavitt, Jack Fetner, Steve Martin, Craig Leavitt. **Back Row:** Alan Beres, John Ratliff.

During a French Club meeting, Ms. Alim considers plans for a party with the club members.

Waving the French flag, President Liesl Leach conducts a meeting with Tracy Williams' assistance.

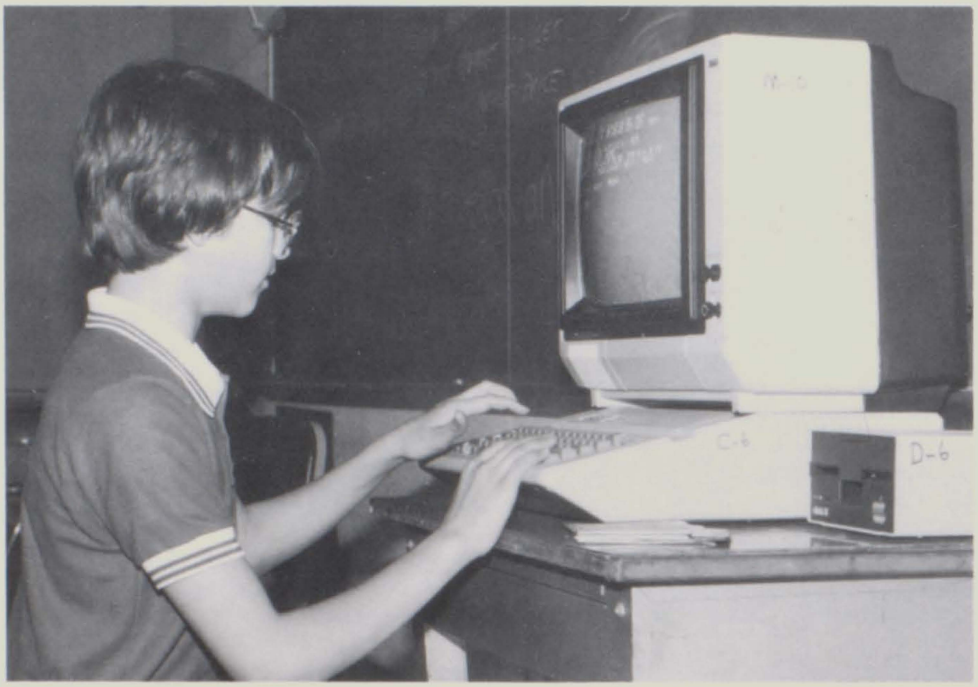
AFS — Front Row: Brooke Ogletree, Mara Paukert, Clara Green, Renee Leavitt, John Steinbock, Amy Meserve. **Second Row:** Holly Hoofnagle, Mary Jo Shannon, Debbie Keay, Karen Yamhure, Greg Huffman, Karen Seal, Tuan Chau. **Back Row:** Chris Behr, Elinor Scully, Tania Carroll, Susie Jacomet, Carrie Sherburne, Katie Jacomet, Wayne Hunt, Craig Leavitt.

AFS HEADS FOR HOUSTON

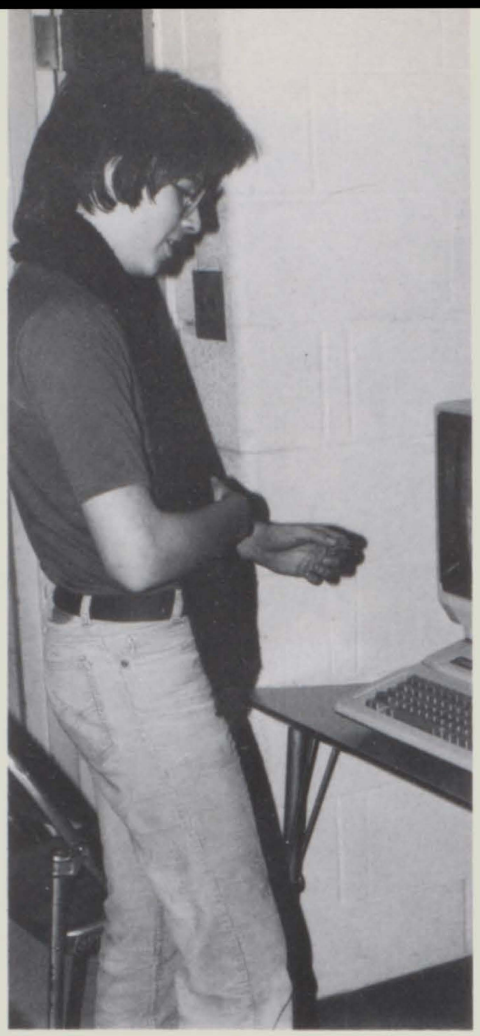
The AFS (American Field Service) Club met once a month to initiate and foster student exchange programs. A highlight of the year was a short term exchange with Stratford High School in Houston, Texas. During the fall and winter AFS club members met with their sponsor, Mr. Robert Snee, to discuss travel arrangements for the February 21st-26th trip. In March Stratford students visited George Mason.

Mr. Snee and ten juniors and seniors flew via People's Express to Houston where they were greeted by their host families. They visited the school, a dude ranch, Galveston, the Astrodome for a rodeo, and a huge shopping center. Senior Amy Meserve said, "I liked all of it!" According to Mr. Snee, the trip went beautifully.

At the computer, freshman Charles Castevans writes his own program.



As the design appears, C.J. Cliff, sophomore, checks out his own graphics' program.



Working on a Lasso project, freshman Robby Hoover watches the computer's screen.

Science Club — Front Row: Liesl Leach, Andy Feltman, John Steinbock, Tuan Chau. **Second Row:** Sarah Cheek, Roger Camp, Amy Meserve, Craig Leavitt. **Back Row:** Rick Williamson, Bill Simko, Dr. William Robertson (Sponsor), C.J. Cliff, Colin Maclaren. (Absent: Rob Munoz).

THE BRAINS

For many "brainy" students, the challenges of their scheduled academic classes weren't sufficient. They joined clubs that challenged their brains.

The Computer Club, sponsored by Ms. Barbara Bussey and Mr. Michael Driscoll, opened up the computer room to club members for a designated period of time every day after school. Monsey Ferguson said, "I like the club because we have special time in the computer room when no one else can use it." Club members either worked on their own programs or competed in computer contests.

The Science Club, sponsored by Dr. ("Doc") William Robertson, met monthly to enrich students' knowledge of an interest in the sciences. Students performed experiments and worked on projects.

The Math Team, sponsored by Ms. Nancy Williamson, met several times a month to review math skills and practice problem solving under competitive conditions. It participated in the Fairfax County Inter-high Math League through March.

Having a good time, junior Tuan Chau, Dr. William Robertson, sophomores Roger Camp and John Steinbock investigate Newton's Law of Motion.

Using the blackboard, Dr. William Robertson solves a scientific equation with junior Jörg Dobisch and senior Rob Munoz.

Concentrating, Ingrid Engdahl and Hedda Chang solve problems.

Math Team sponsor, Ms. Nancy Williamson coaches Tuan Chau.

Keyettes — First Row: Ms. Beth Orloff (Sponsor). **Second Row:** Karen Yamhure, Denise Shuster, Dawn Hochradel, Erika Biesel. **Third Row:** Eileen Tully, Mary Jo Shannon, Brooke Ogletree, Katie Jacomet, Betty Jo Renner, Renee Leavitt. **Back Row:** Susan Schneider, Amy Johnson, Jane Arons, Clara Green, Mara Paukert, Tania Carroll.

Keyettes Clara Green, Myra Paukert, and Susie Jacomet conduct a bake sale.

Dressed backwards, Keyettes Mandy Forsythe sophomore, and Eileen Tully, junior, walk to class.

Key Club — Front Row: James Condit, Roger Camp, Greg Huffman, Tuan Chau, John Ratliff.
Back Row: Mr. Alan Krueger (Sponsor), Hughes Melton, Michael Meredith, Jack Fetner, Richard Condit, Steve Martin.

HELPING OTHERS ALONG THE WAY

Some clubs shared a common bond by serving the school and the community. Club members raised money earmarked for special funds and events.

The Key Club, sponsored by Mr. Alan Krueger, was open to boys with leadership qualities. Senior Buddy Buzzerd said, "By serving the community, the club can emerge victorious."

The Keyettes, sponsored by Ms. Beth Orloff, held many bake sales to raise money for the Jennifer Jones Memorial Scholarship. They gave a party at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute and were "on call' to be hostesses and ushers at special school events. A highlight of their services was sponsoring the Homecoming week's events.

FBLA, sponsored by Ms. Joyce Lowry, met monthly to plan bake sales, work on typing projects, and organize field trips to businesses in the Falls Church area. Sophomore Joan Earman said, "I belong to the club because we raise money for the Ronald McDonald House . . ."

FHA, sponsored by Ms. Jenna Miller, served the school and community as well as concentrated on personal improvement of club members. They gave a party for patients at the Fairfax County Mental Health Center. Freshman Mary Jordan said, "I joined because I thought it would be fun."

At an after-school meeting, FHA members discuss selling GM plastic mugs.

Organizing spring activities, sophomore FBLA members Joan Earman, Mandy Forsythe, Elinor Scully, and Amy Johnson discuss plans.

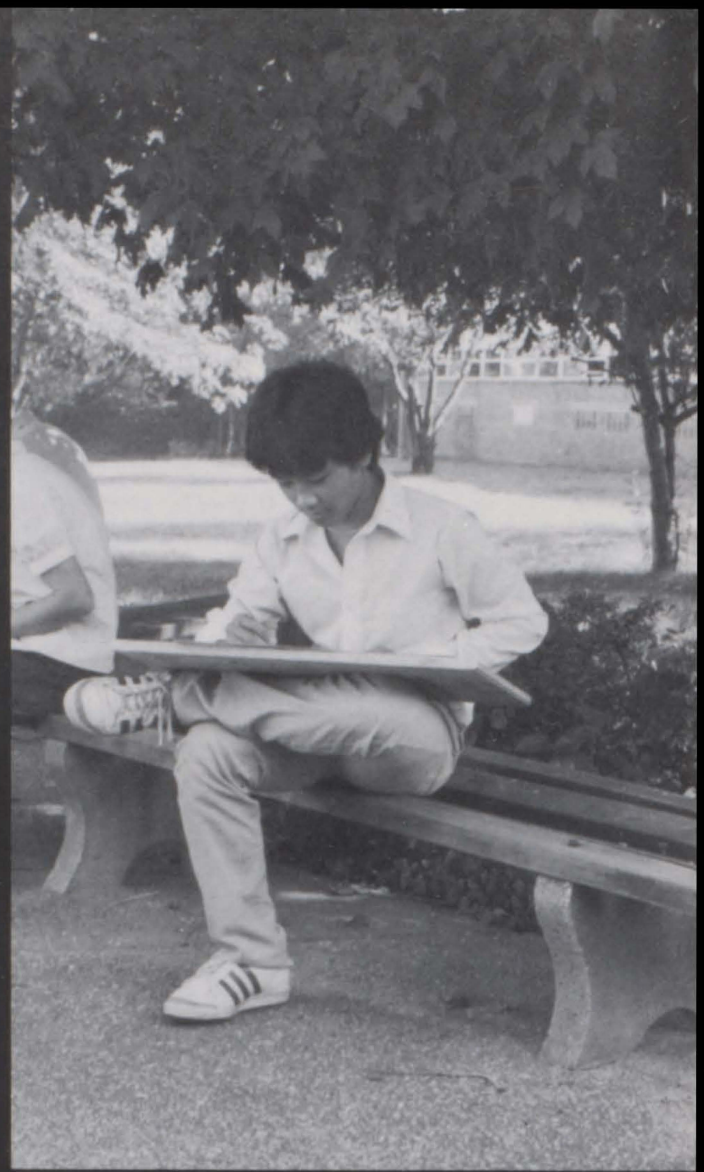
Moving toward success

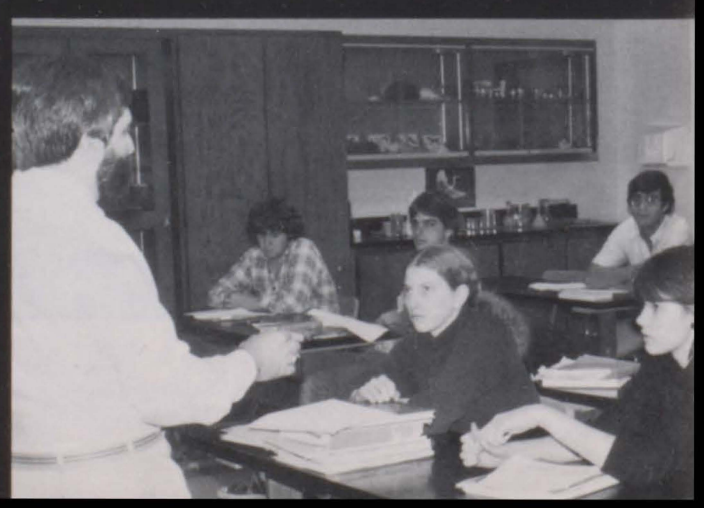
George Mason Senior High School, one of the nation's top 152 nationally recognized schools, offered a strong, diverse academic program to meet the educational needs and interests of its small student body.

The internationally recognized and successful IB program intellectually stimulated a select group of students, who received credit for full-year, college level courses. The Arlington Career Center allowed students to pursue vocational interests and learn necessary job-related skills. The Mustangs could move in any scholastic or vocational direction they chose in order to prepare them successfully for their "life after G.M."

In order to graduate students had to meet basic academic requirements in specific subject areas. They also had to pass minimum competency tests in reading and mathematics in order to receive a diploma, according to Virginia law. Students received a report card at the end of each quarter, as well as an interim report in the middle of each quarter.

Each student was as academically challenged as he chose to be. The Mustangs ended the school year feeling very proud of their accomplishments and "exemplariness."



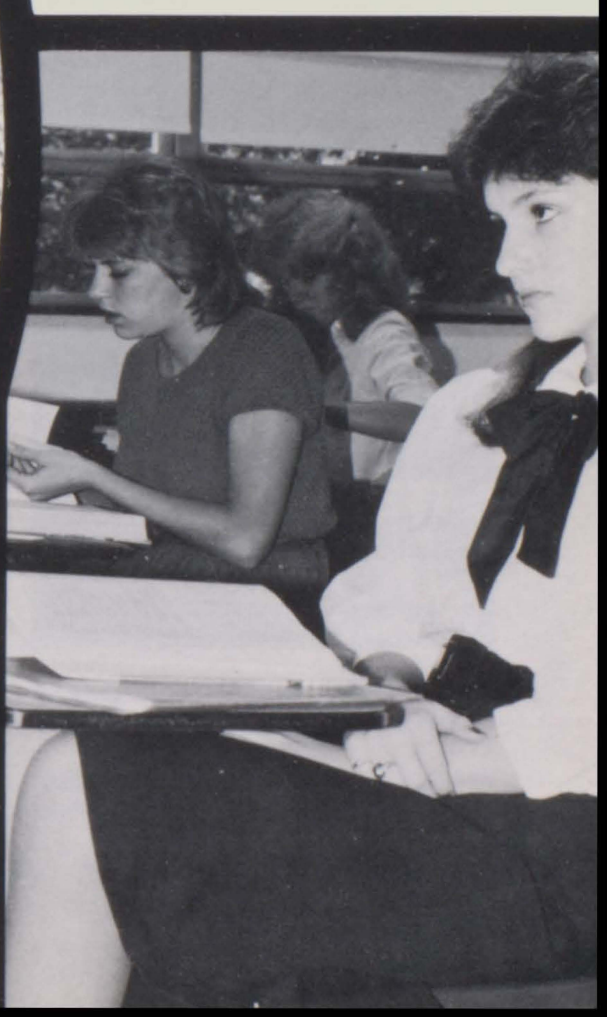


Balancing his artboard, freshman Edmund Ignacio sketches outside during Art class.

With eyes on the page, seniors Tammy Trippett and Gwen Wolford read for pleasure in Directed Reading and Writing.

Making his point, Mr. Greg Alexiou opens up discussion in Theory of Knowledge.

In Chemistry junior John Bender prepares for an experiment.



Listening intently, senior Lisa Wolford takes mental notes.

Studying the basics made them

Working class dogs

English classes, which changed quarterly, offered students many opportunities to express themselves. With a strong "back to the basics" approach, teachers worked students hard to improve their language skills. Each teacher had his own grading system, but each emphasized correct spelling and usage.

This was the first year English teachers placed two samples of a student's writing from a quarter's course into an individual four-year writing folder, which the student received upon graduation.

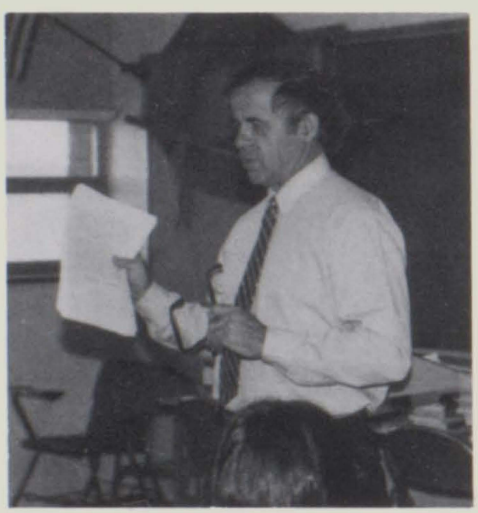
Ms. Barbara Stuckey's first period class benefited from their teacher's winning a **Washington Post** Mini-Grant with funds designated for students' increased cultural experiences. The class went on many field trips such as to the zoo, concerts, plays, and museums by public transportation.

Mr. Hoover's Journalism class met the responsibilities of serious journalists by reporting and writing about student affairs in **Lasso,** which received a first-place award from VHSL three years in a row. Senior Erika Biesel said, "Journalism class is important. It emphasizes writing skills, and better writing skills mean better grades in college."

Mr. Hoover's speech students delivered nine speeches. "Speech class helps you be sure of yourself when you speak in front of a crowd," said Mike Lenker, freshman.

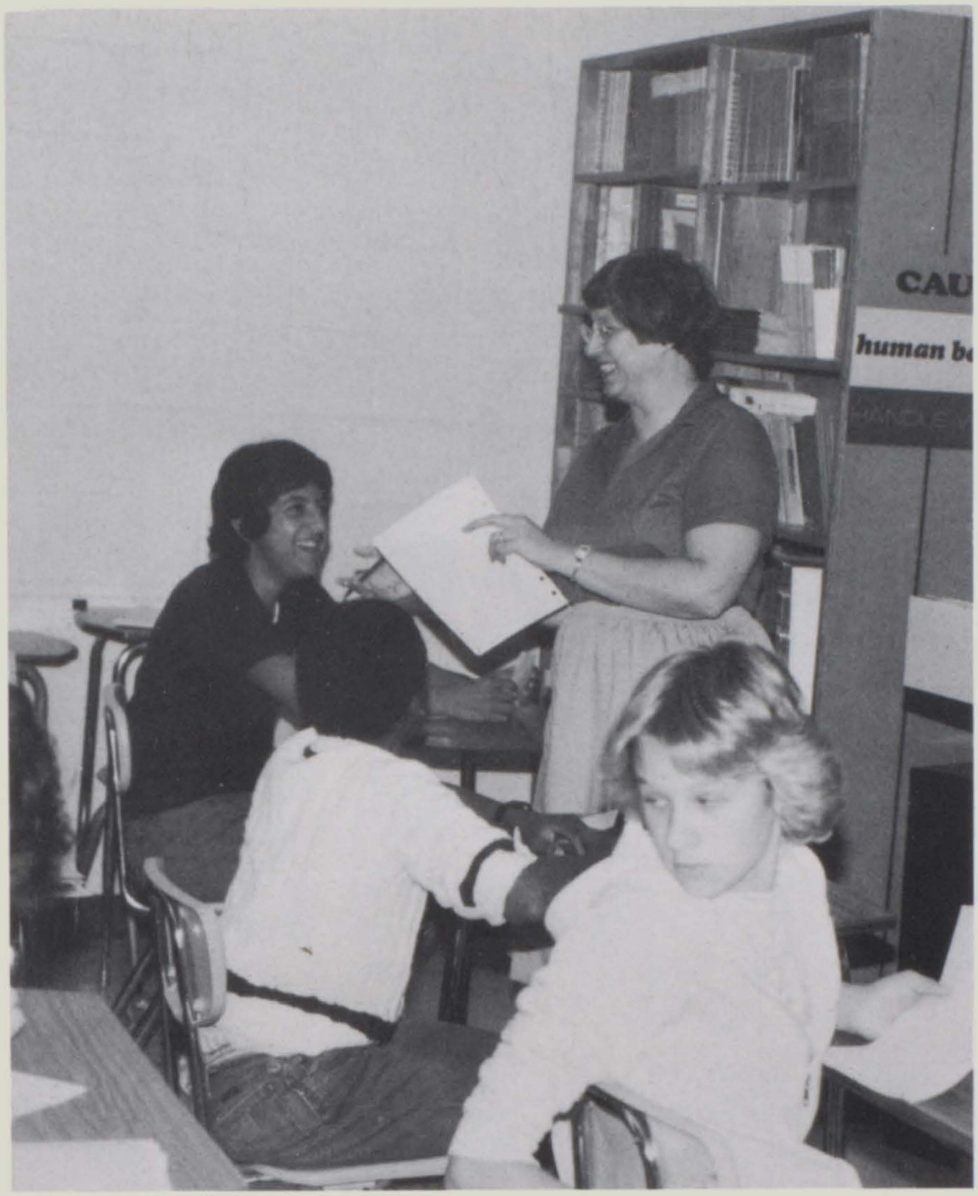
Ms. Betty-Jo Dawkins stressed writing and general comprehension skills. Students wrote personal reaction papers and used controlled reader machines in class.

Armed with his puppy, freshman Mike Lenker delivers an informative speech.



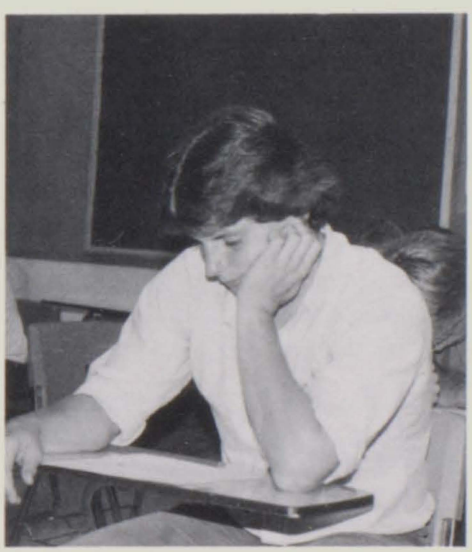
English teacher Mr. Milt Davis prepares to hand out a paper on plagiarism.

Learning how not to cheat, Mr. Milt Davis' students read about plagiarism.



Feeling confident, freshman Vieja Burgos gives Ms. Betty-Jo Dawkins his paper.

Looking up, journalism student Erika Biesel, senior, listens intently in class.



Resting on his elbow, senior Darren Thomas proofreads his English paper.

Freshman Ursula Del Vecchio gets help in reading from Ms. Beth Orloff.

Learning about cultures by

Speaking in tongues

Students quickly discovered that there is much more to learning a language than conjugating verbs and translating from a textbook. Introductory and advanced French, Spanish, and Latin courses offered students opportunities for a wealth of cultural experiences. Class trips to museums, restaurants, and dramatic productions highlighted course curriculums.

According to Ms. Ileana Alim, her French classes "tend to take advantage of whatever event of a French nature that comes to our area." Her students attended a dress rehearsal of Offenback's opera, **La Belle Hélène.**

During the year Mr. Robert Snee's Spanish students went on class trips and engaged in classroom skits. For example, through creative dramatics in Spanish, they made a doctor's office visit. They also wrote dialogues and read them aloud. Amy Meserve, senior, said, "Spanish language study opens the door to other cultures, literature, and people."

Latin was no "dead" language in Ms. Joan Tannenbaum's classes, who dressed up in togas and presented the Ides of March on the 15th. "The study of Latin is different and helps round out a student," said senior Craig Leavitt.

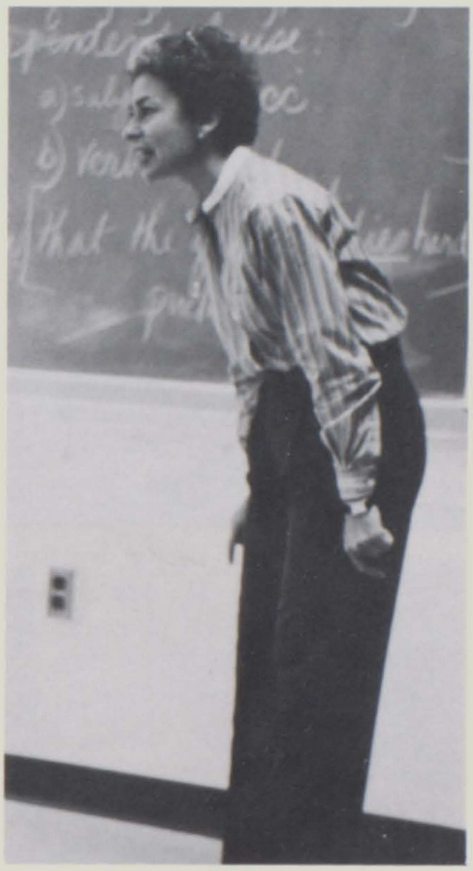
Using the blackboard, Ms. Ileana Alim lectures on French adjectives.

Swapping notes, Latin students C.J. Cliff and Nicky Bell, sophomores, study for a test.

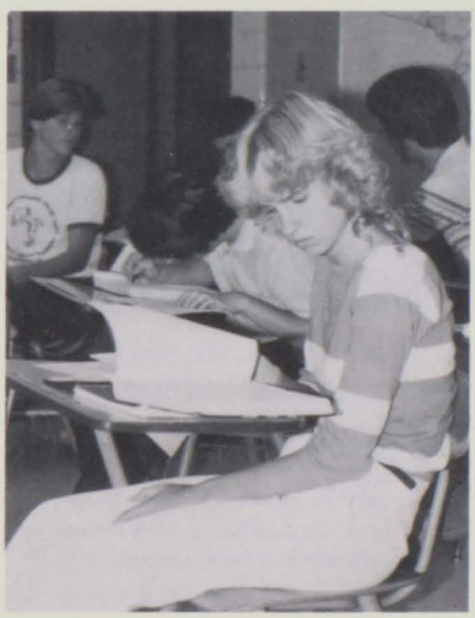
Representing foreign lands, Phuc Nguyen (Viet Nam), Timphone Bounvichit (Laos), and Rosa Figueroa (El Salvador) get special help from Ms. Carol Cofey.

Three in a row, Jeri Gibbon and Elizabeth Pitera, juniors, and Alan Singleton, sophomore, translate Latin.

Bending over, Ms. Joan Tannenbaum makes her point in Latin.



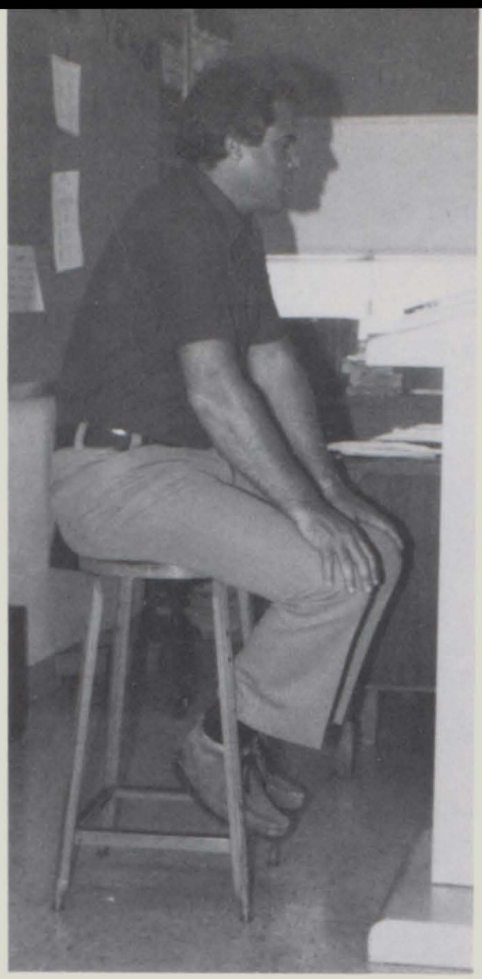
Pausing in Spanish, Mr. Robert Snee relaxes with his class for a moment.

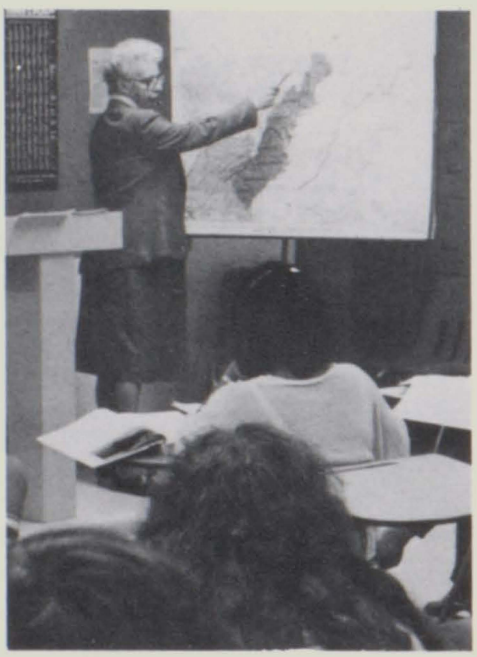


Senior Amy Meserve seriously studies her Spanish text's glossary.

With pencil in hand, freshman Cynthia Rodriguez takes notes in Pre-IB History.

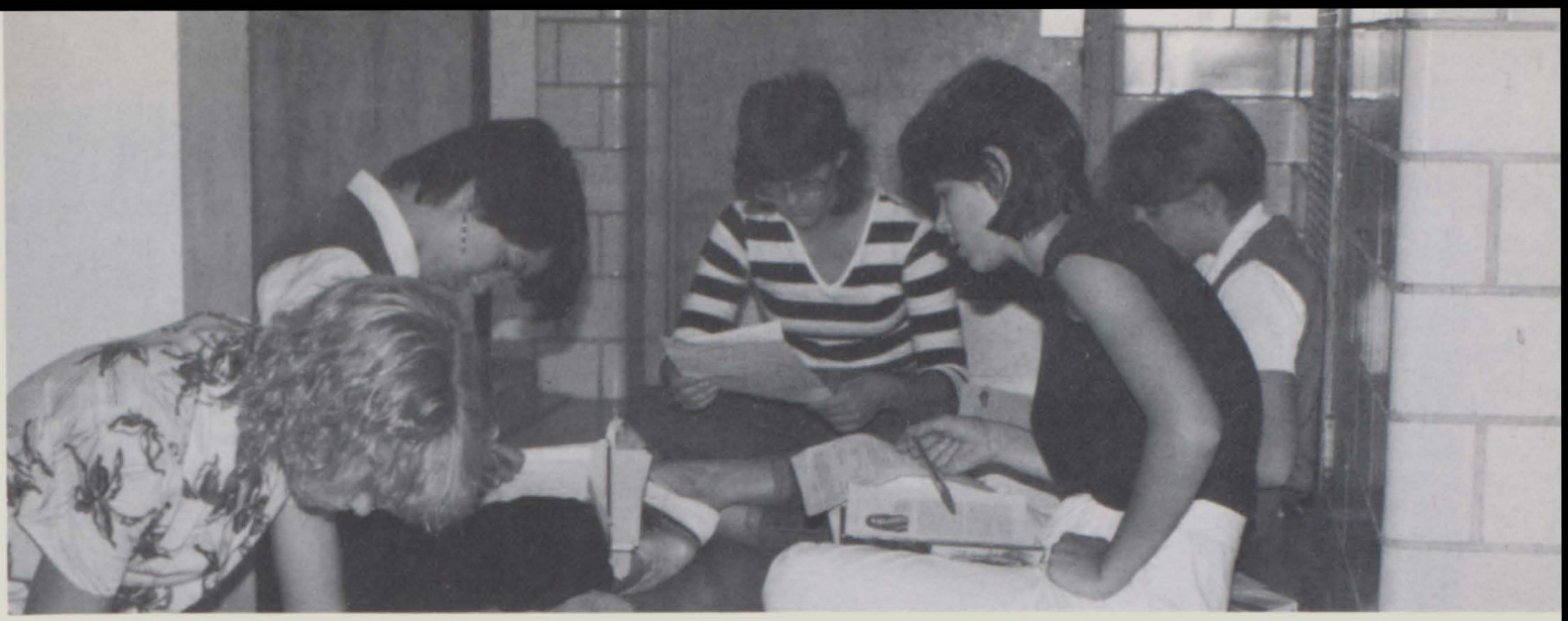
Sitting tall, Mr. John Kalepp lectures in his American History class.

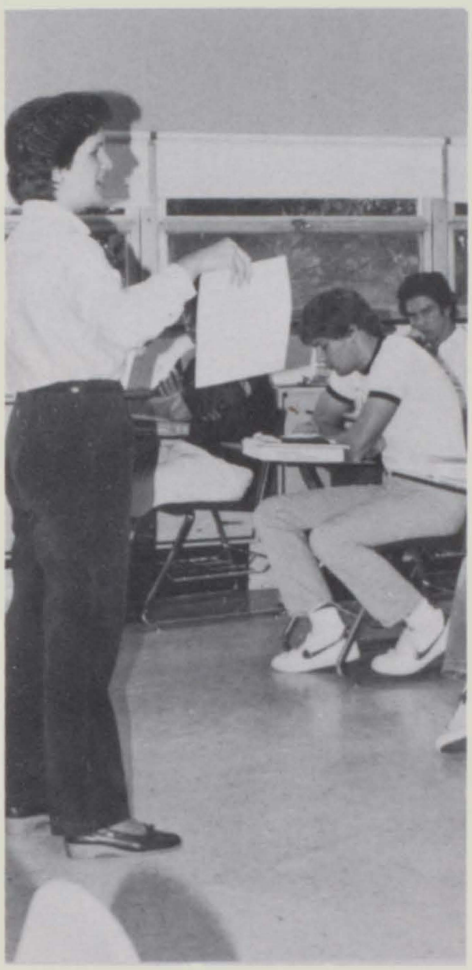




To make her point, Ms. Patricia Johnson uses a map in Social Studies class.

Forming a friendly group, Psychology students gather around Ms. Mary Beth Williams, teacher. They are: Steven Swire, senior, Peter Droujinski, Mara Paukert, juniors, Buddy Buzzerd, senior.





Learning about people with . . .

The world in our hands

Students learned about the world of the past, present, and future in Social Studies classes. News of local, national, and world affairs was the basis for many meaningful, if not controversial, discussions. Teachers often used film strips, movies, and recordings to help make history "come alive." Freshman Edmund Ignacio said, "Social Studies is not very hard at all." Steve Newlove, freshman, found it to be "very good and interesting."

Ms. Leslie Diehm's U.S. Government class wrote book critiques on early American government and political systems, as well as studied current events, as presented in recent periodicals. Part of the fun of her classes was playing "It's Academic" and holding debates.

IB History students studied 20th century world history and one year of American studies. Students had opportunities to concentrate on and write research papers about a few areas of study of their choice.

By assigning interviews with senior citizens (preferably grandparents) and long term papers, Ms. Mary Beth Williams intellectually stimulated her Psychology students. According to Buddy Buzzerd, senior, the class atmosphere was "laid back," but "a lot of learning takes place at the same time."

In class Ms. Leslie Diehm holds up an exemplary paper.

Taking to the floor, IB History students study for a test. They are: Amy Meserve, Indra Levy, seniors, Jane Sunderland, junior, Liesl Leach, Sarah Cheek, seniors.

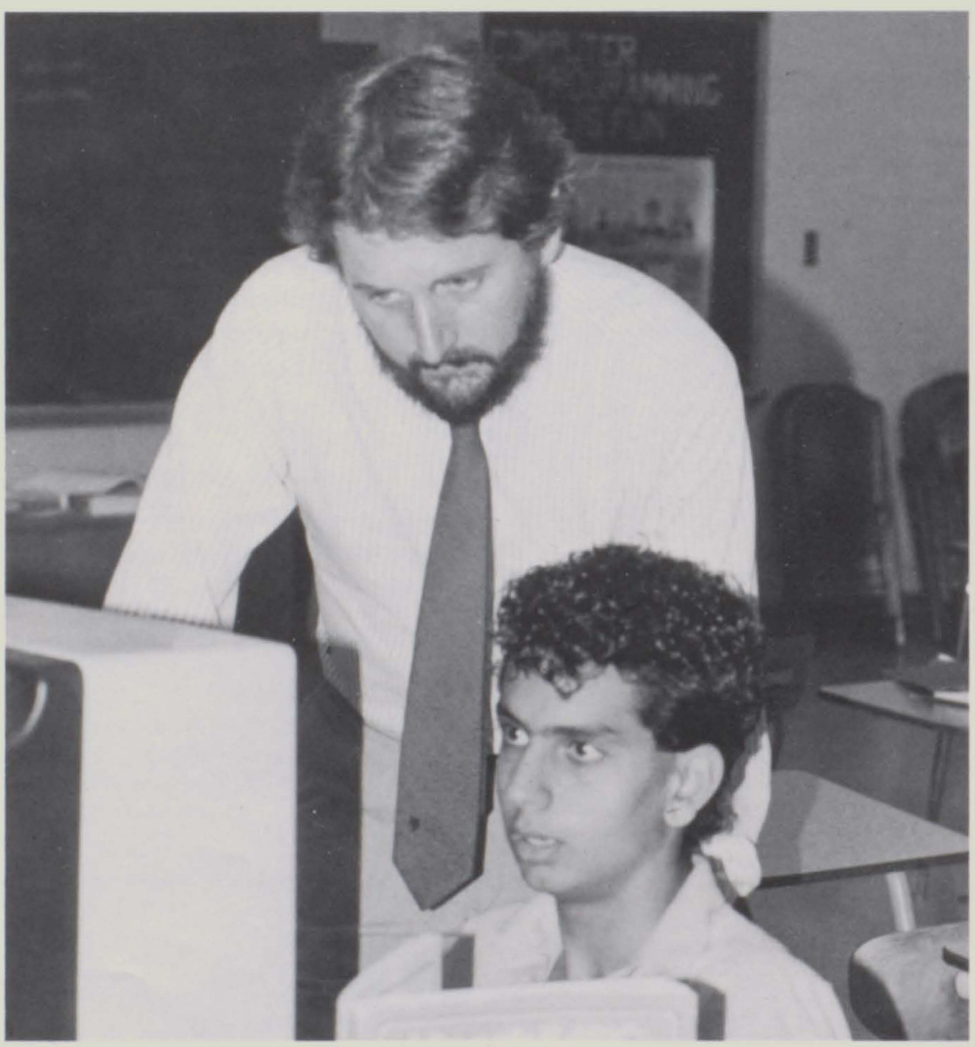
Sitting together, Ms. Denise Moloney and Michael Cigledy, sophomore, study a social studies text.

During a relaxing moment, Advanced Geometry students share a joke.

Pushing hard, the same students work fast to complete classwork.

Making every minute count, sophomores Carrie Sherburne and Andrew Smith work on geometry problems.

Viewing an Apple Computer, senior Mehran Khosrawdad learns how to program in Computer Science class with Mr. Michael Driscoll's assistance.



Calculating a problem, senior Liesl Leach uses the blackboard in Calculus.

With help from Ms. Nancy Williamson, sophomore Sharon Chase tackles a geometry problem.

Math students worked hard to . . .

Make it count

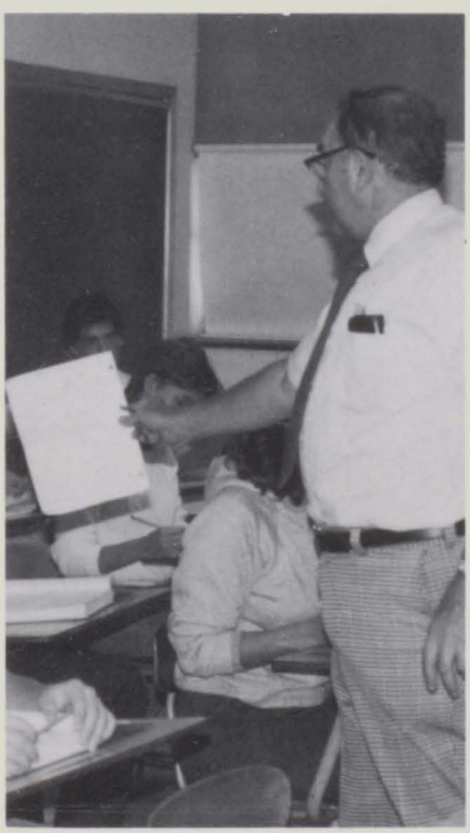
Like English teachers, math teachers returned "to the basics." Mr. C.S. Rockwell said, "My class is just a lot of basic hard work." Many different math classes were offered. For example, freshmen could take General Math, Algebra, or Geometry, depending upon their junior high grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations. Ninth grader Kyra Paukert found Math class to be "interesting and challenging."

Many students used the blackboard to work out problems. They felt that thrill of competition, working hard to "beat the clock" and solve problems.

For a quarter project Mrs. Nancy Williamson's geometry students made colorful tangrams, two-dimensional figures that were hung in the showcase near the library. Other visual projects involved building three-dimensional figures and creating string-art designs. According to Sharon Chase, sophomore, through the study of geometry, "You become aware of things in figures that you never knew before."

Mr. Michael Driscoll's Computer Science class used Apple Computers and learned the programming of microcomputer systems for business and mathematical problem solving. The students were trained to develop software for use within the school system in remedial and developmental mathematics.

Advanced courses such as Trigonometry and Calculus were offered, as well. College-bound senior Edith Bridge felt that learning to be accurate while grasping concepts was the challenging aspect of higher-level math courses. Erika Biesel, senior, said, "What is challenging to me is trying to understand why I figure out trig. problems the way I do."



With arm outstretched, Mr. C.S. Rockwell reviews a math paper with his class.

Through experimentation with sometimes strange concoctions, students were challenged to find answers to . . .

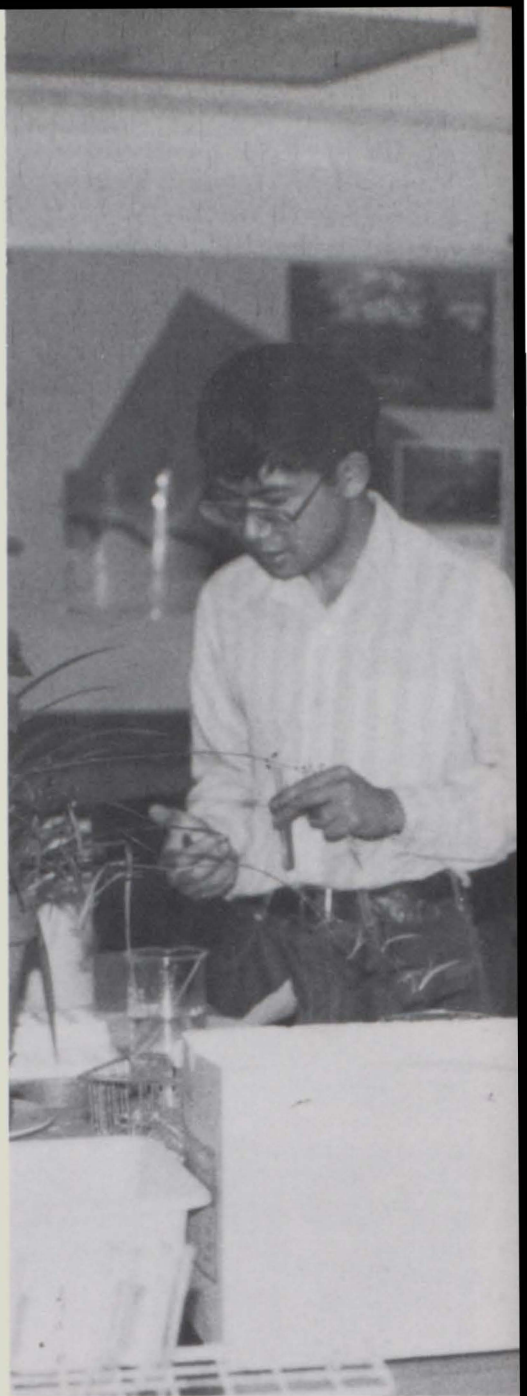
What's brewing?

Students passing by science classes in action often saw "mad scientists" at the lab tables. Lab days were always exciting ones for science students, because the students left their desk chairs to work at the lab table with one or two partners. If a student didn't understand an aspect of an experiment, he hoped his lab partner would help him out. "Labs help reinforce what you learn from the textbook," said junior Mary Jo Shannon. Labs allowed students to learn by doing and to apply what they learned at their desks.

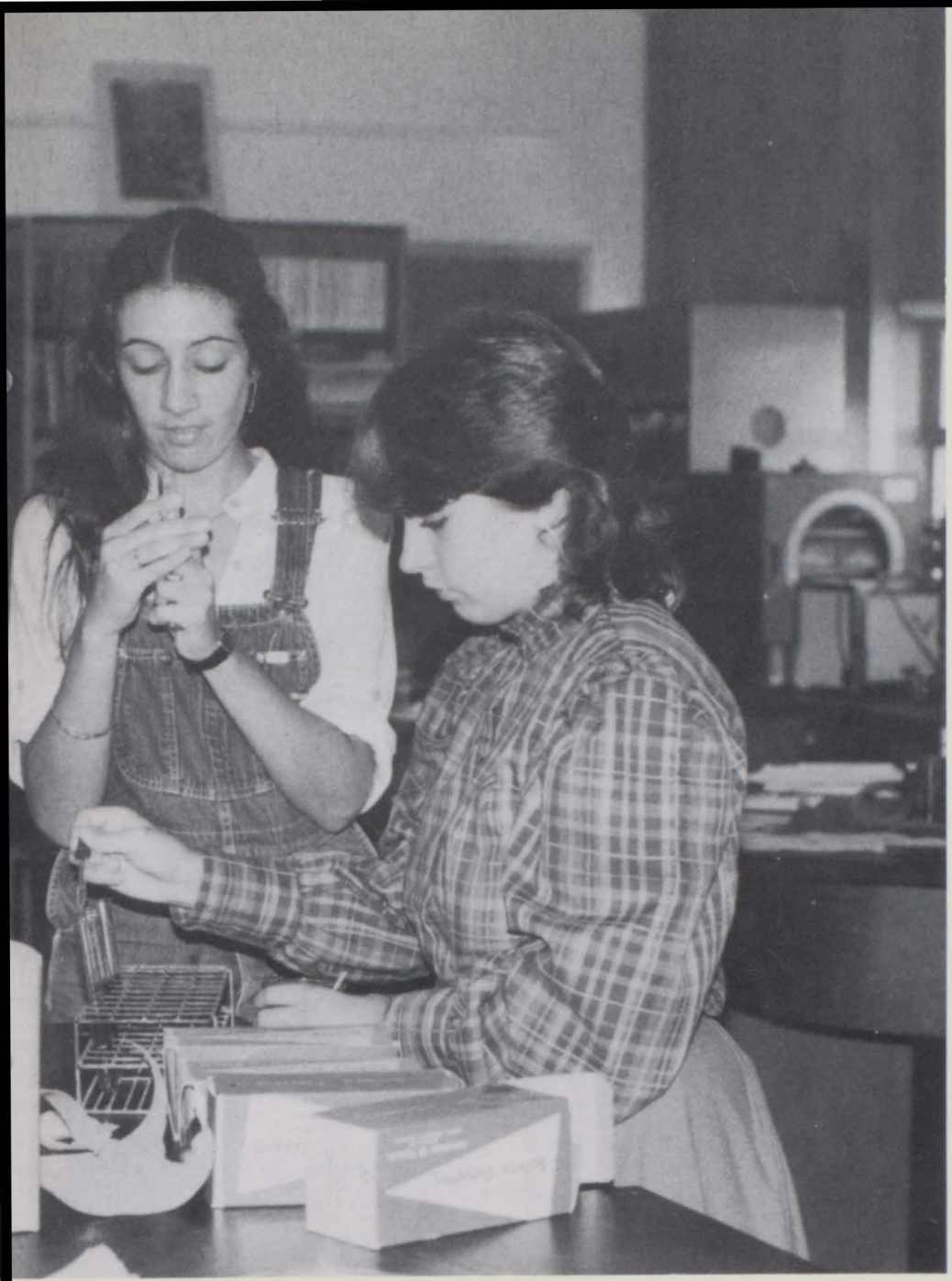
Mr. Alan Krueger's Biology classes concentrated on microscopic studies and bio-chemical testing. They also tested for organic compounds. One successful fall field trip took IB Biology students to Chesapeake Bay to test for environmental pollution. Senior Genevieve Torchio said, "Biology is probably the most intriguing science, because it presents an understanding of the meaning of life." She added, "It satisfies our curiosity about life, as we learn what 'life' really is."

Dr. William ("Doc") Robertson's chemistry classes studied the Law of Definite Composition. Assignments such as investigating light spectra proved challenging and stimulating. Despite the difficult course work, many students enjoyed Science. Joey Ritenour, freshman, summed up his reaction to the class in one word, which was, "Fun!"

Eyeing the test tubes, juniors Susan Armstrong and Catherine Caprio await a chemical reaction with Mr. Alan Krueger.

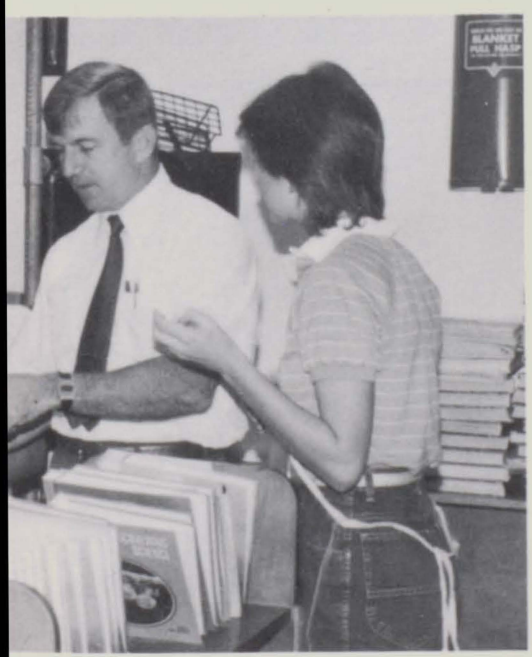


At the demonstration table senior Ngoc Mai and sophomores Ingrid Engdahl and Stephanie Stephens assist Dr. William Robertson.



Taking measurements, IB Biology students Tuan Chau, junior, Genevieve Torchio, and Betty Jo Renner, seniors, work with benedictine solution.

Biology lab partners Stephen Martin and Hughes Melton, juniors, test for cellulose and starch grains.



Patiently waiting, junior Jane Sunderland watches for a chemical reaction.

Here you could read, relax, or

Check it out

Students often escaped fast to the media center during break, open study, and/or lunch, because it was well-supplied with early morning newspapers, current magazines, books, and reference works. Ms. Nancy DePasquale, librarian, and Ms. Betty Pitera, secretary, were usually busy at work, checking out books or helping students locate information.

Media center aide Jeff Lenker, junior, went up and down the aisles, reorganizing shelves and filing returned materials. For him the media center was a place "to learn how to classify books and fill extra time in his schedule." He added that for students it was the place to go "to understand and enjoy."

Teachers often marched their classes down to the media center to work on research papers. Clyde Bryant, freshman, enjoyed working there. He said, "It is quiet there and I can concentrate easily."

Checking out the reference section, Paul Lin, freshman, peruses an encyclopedia.

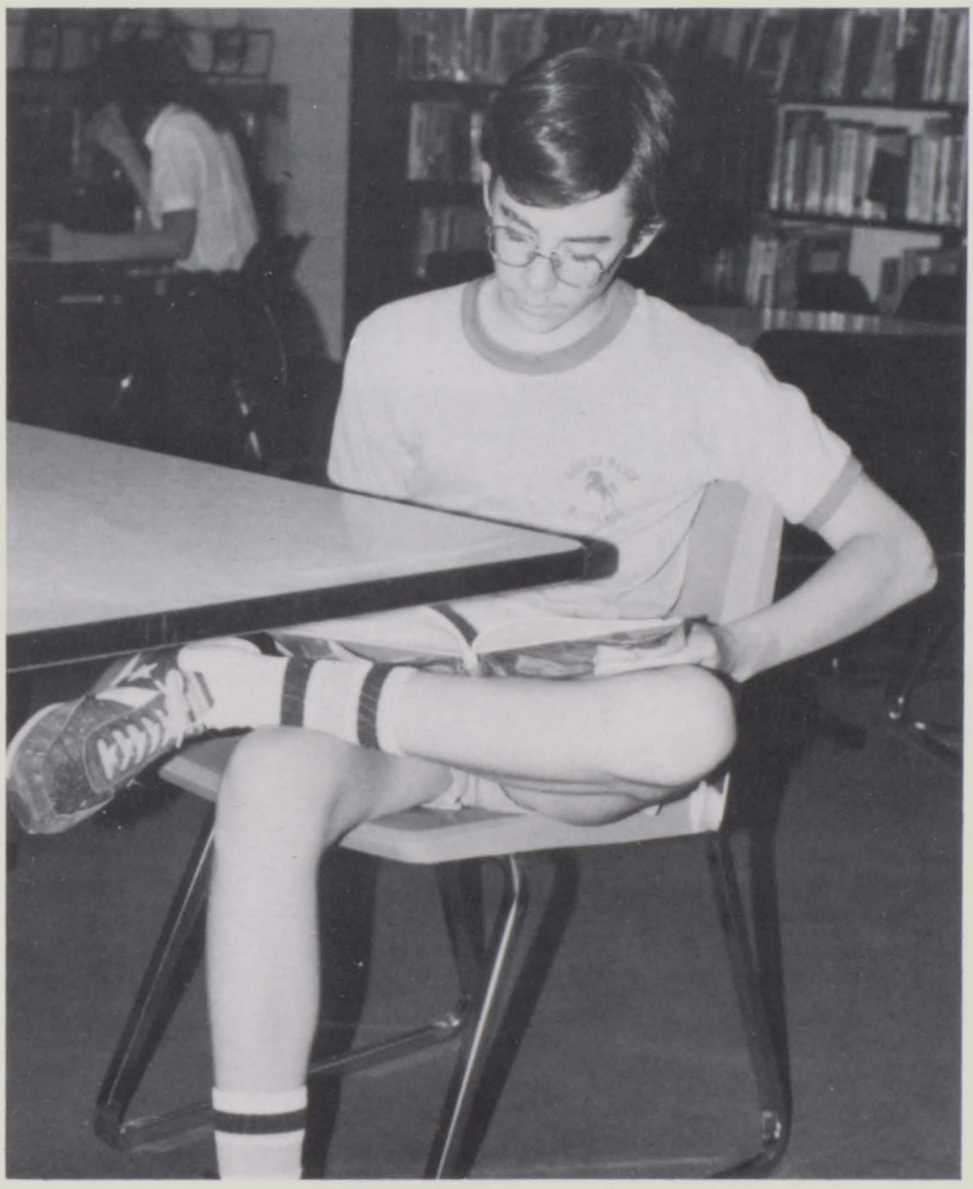
Media center aide Jeff Lenker, junior, reorganizes the extensive record collection.

Sisters and Mustang staff members Genevieve and Christine Torchio, seniors, relax during Open Study.

Having a good laugh, Rod McLeod, senior, finds his book humorous.

Using several books, librarian Ms. Nancy DePasquale cross-references information for Tom Crossan, junior.

Speech student Robert Hoover, freshman, and Mr. Michael Hoover discuss ideas for Robert's next speech.



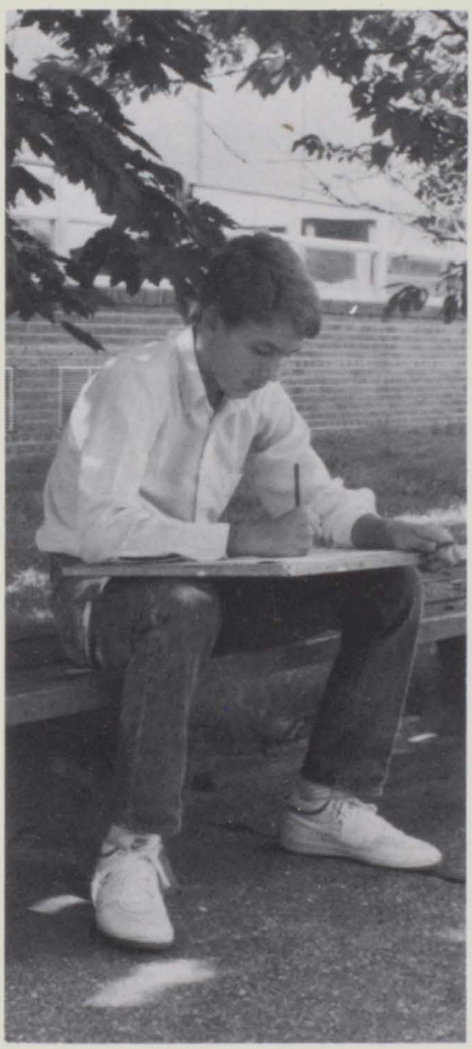
Quietly reading, Clyde Bryant, freshman, concentrates on his assignment.

Right on tune, G.M.'s High School Chorus rehearses "Who Am I?" for the "Celebration of Excellence" assembly, held on November 15th.

Saxophone player Andrew Smith, sophomore, plays in Band class.

In unison, freshmen Ann Marie Carrington, Kevin Parra, and Corinne Barker play their clarinets in Band.

Hearing that beat, G.M.'s Band is led by Ms. Sharon Still.



Freshman Matt Smoot sketches outdoors.

Artist at work, sophomore Ingrid Engdahl sketches the human body in Art class.

On the grass, Mr. Karl Hollander critiques senior Sachi Willner's sketch of trees, while senior Rod McLeod draws.

"I feel that Art class is important . . . It's a worthwhile experience!"
— Rod McLeod

Music and Art classes were a . . .

Rhapsody in blues

Talented students often found music and art to be the best part of their school day. These classes offered a relief from traditional, structured courses. Chorus and band students discovered the joys of working hard to sing and play well at such school-related functions as the Celebration of Excellence assembly on November 15th, which was televised.

Ms. Valerie Picini, a new teacher to G.M., coached 5 students who competed with 600 contestants and were accepted into the District Chorus, which performed in May. These students were Donald Burdick, senior, C.J. Cliff, sophomore, Clara Green, Stephanie Stephens, and Nina Tosti, juniors.

Mr. Karl Hollander often removed his art classes from his four-walled classroom by taking them outside to sketch nature. Senior Anthony Meredith enjoyed Art, because of its "variety of things to do."

By exercising and playing games, students could . . .

STAY IN SHAPE

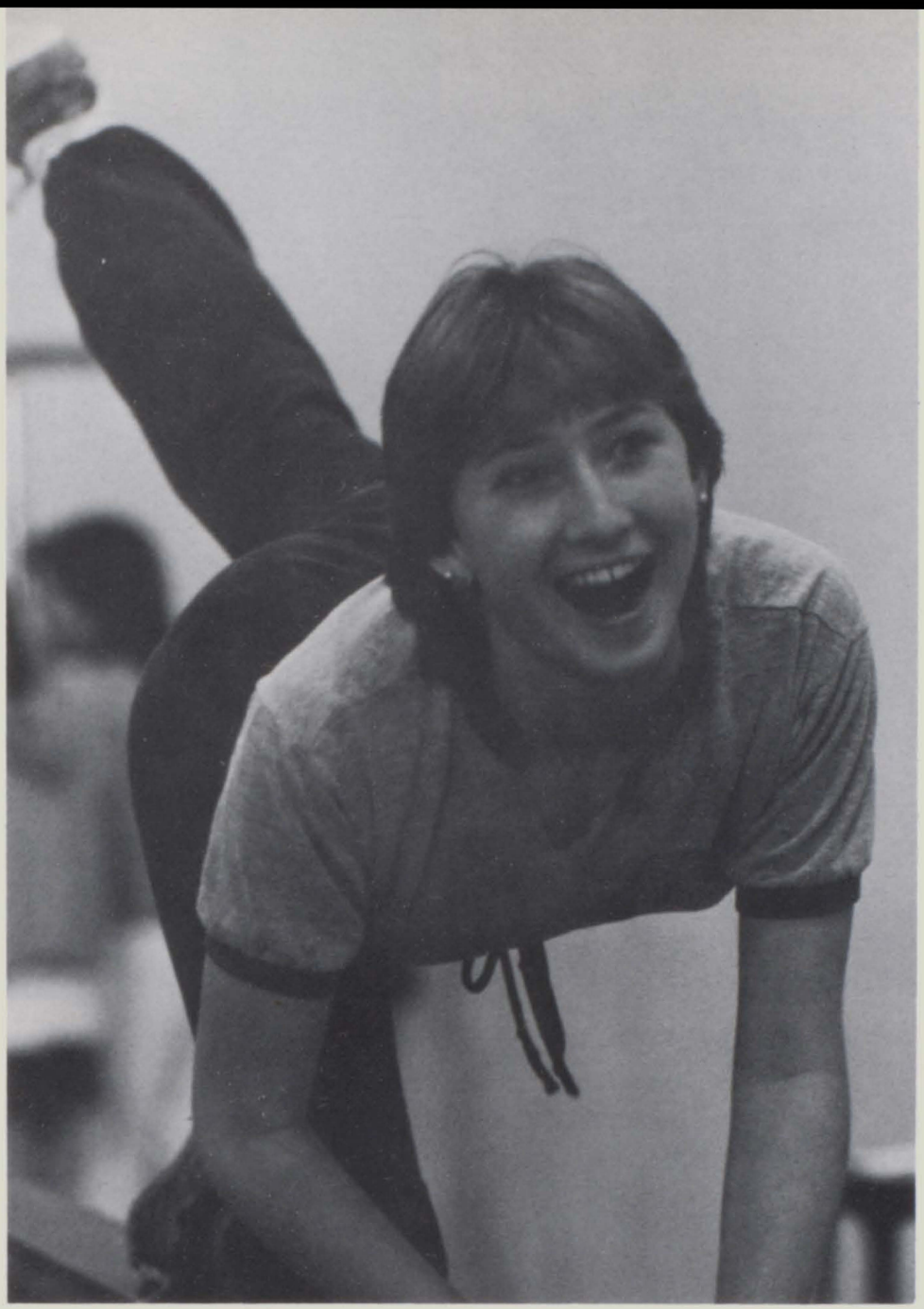
In order to graduate students had to receive two credits of Physical Education and Health. Many students enjoyed going to P.E. because it was a break from the routine of attending academic classes. During the fall and spring, students went outdoors to receive instruction in sports such as archery and tennis. The competitive spirit was high.

Sometimes it was difficult to finish games, get dressed, and go back to class because students had to "shift gears" and "think books."

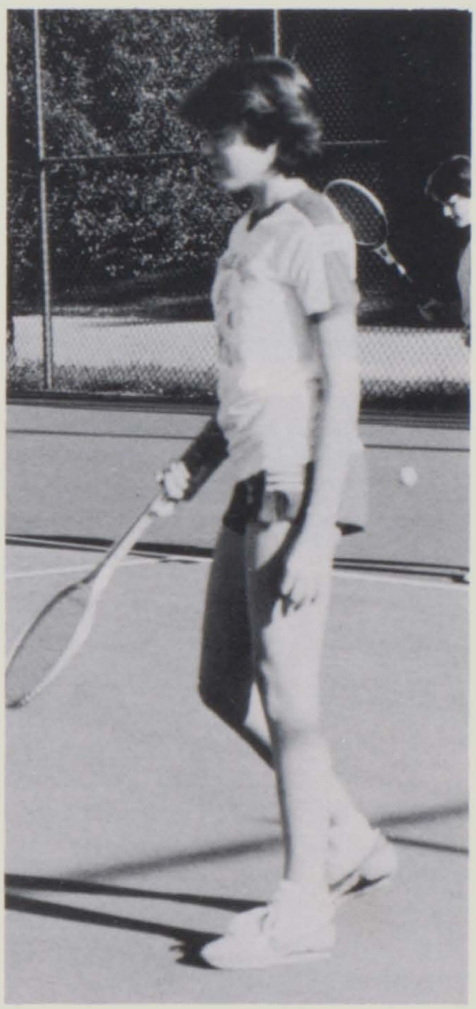
For those students who valued physical fitness, gym class was the perfect answer to staying in shape. Freshman Eddie Mack said, "P.E. keeps students from getting fat!"

Other students like freshman Kevin Lock described P.E. as "OK" or "alright." They were able to be with their friends, learn the rules, and have some fun at the same time.

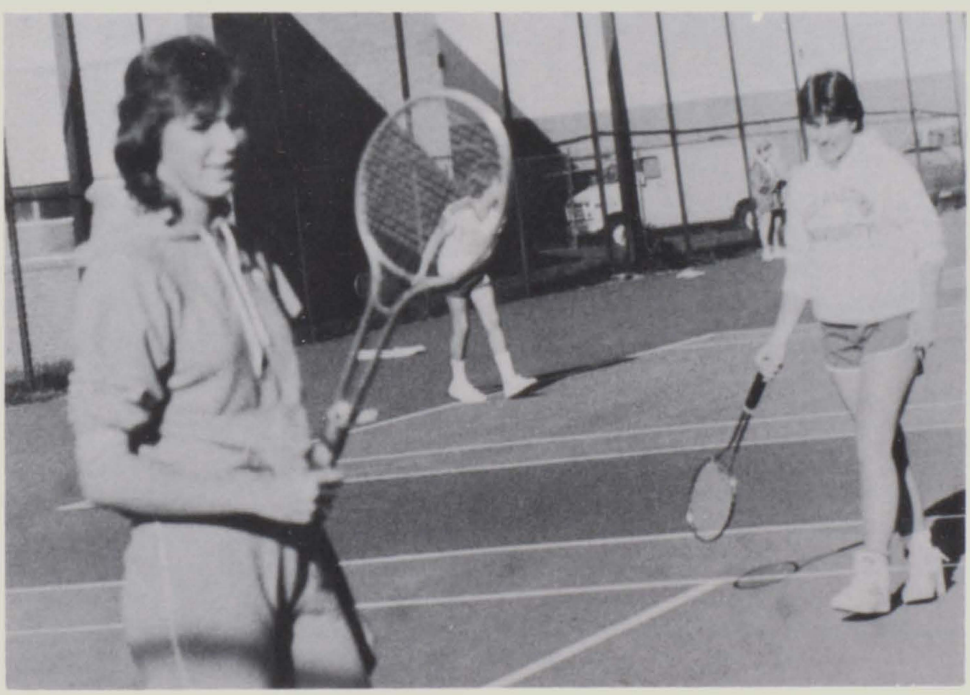
A class jump ball starts the basketball game in P.E.



Kicking out her leg, freshman Tina Bryant practices on the balance beam.



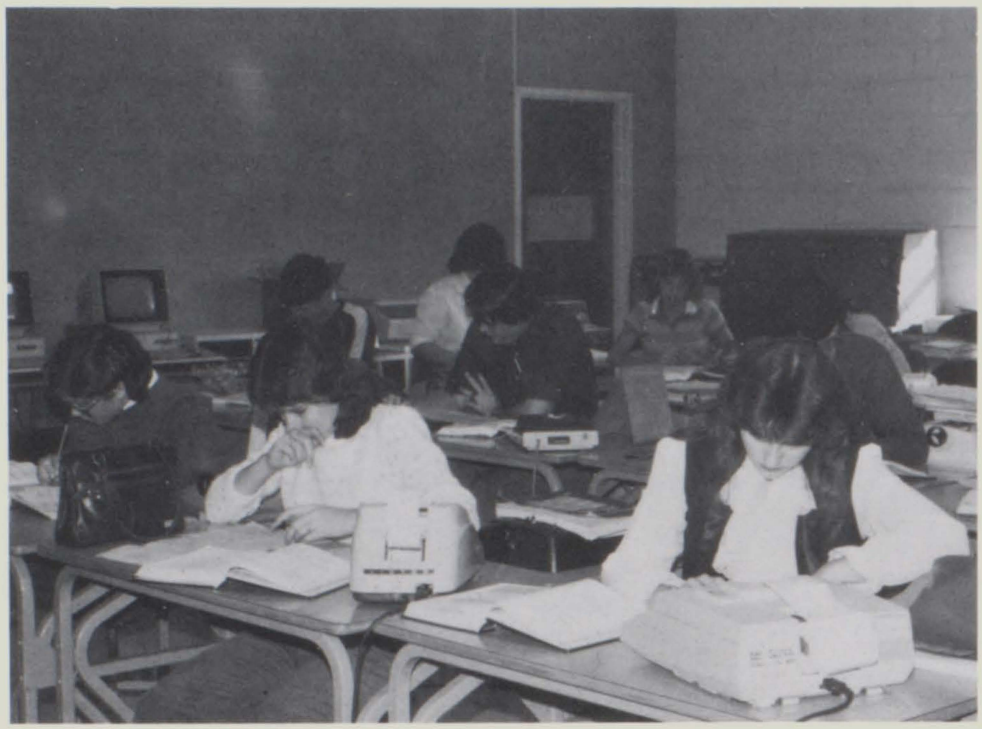
Standing still, freshman Jennie Conway waits for the tennis ball to return.

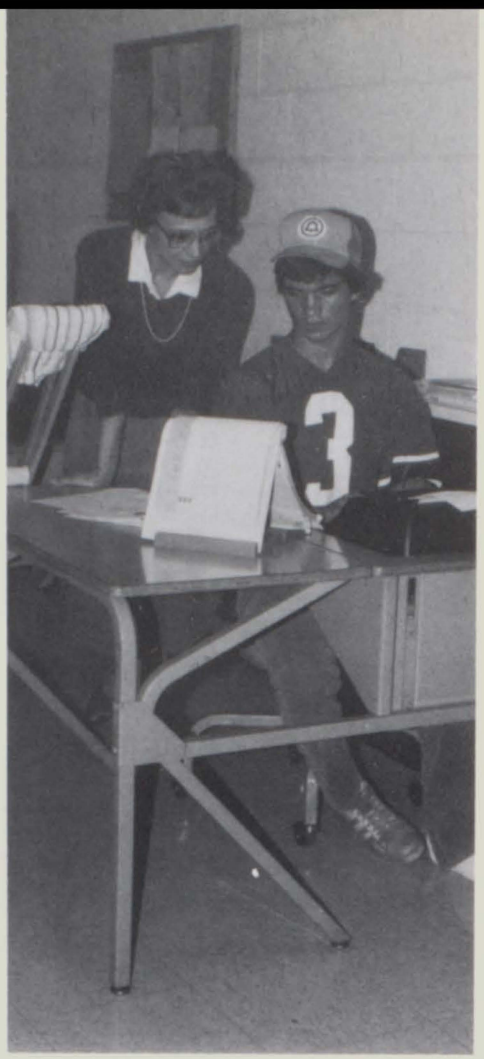


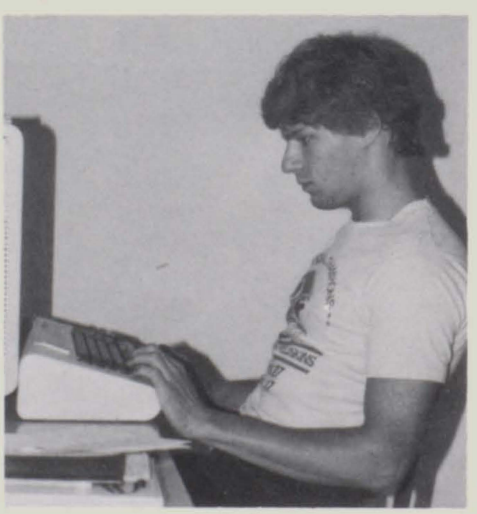
With racket up, freshman Tammy Brumm prepares to play tennis.

Concentrating on figures, Basic Accounting students balance the books.

With crutches put aside, senior Mike Johnson types, while Ms. Joyce Lowry checks his finger placement on the typewriter keys.







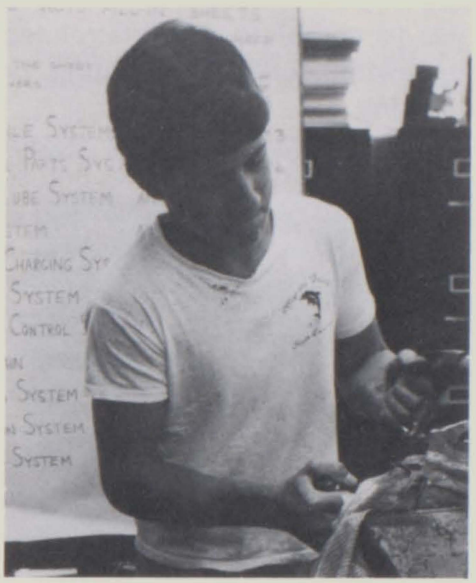
By pointing to the screen, Mr. Roger Bratton trains senior Erin O'Neill to edit copy.

Senior Erika Biesel and Ms. Judie Vartian go over a difficult accounting problem.

Ready to begin programming, Allan Oddenino, senior, watches the computer's screen.

Engineering Drawing student Thuy Nguyen, junior, works at the drawing board, while Mr. Richard Trimble supervises her work.

Biting his lip, sophomore Shane Gray concentrates on sawing metal in Auto Mechanics.



Learning while doing and . . .

Getting results

Enrollment was high in Business and Industrial Arts classes for several reasons. Immediate college-bound students signed up for them to satisfy their curiosity, change their academic pace, or learn practical skills. For example, senior Ernesto Javier took Auto Mechanics, because of an interest in cars. He said, "I wanted to learn basic things about how the engine works, but auto mechanics is only a hobby for me. I really want to go to college to study computers."

Immediate career-bound students signed up for these courses in order to acquire the knowledge and training necessary to secure a skills-related job. For senior Lisa Wolford, learning the basic skills and procedures of accounting was important because of her future career plans. She said, "I'm thinking of going into accounting as a career."

As in most classes at George Mason, enrollment in the Business and Industrial Arts classes was low enough to allow teachers to give extra help and special attention to their students. Erin O'Neill, a senior in Data Processing, said, "I like the small class sizes. They are for individuals." Mr. Roger Bratton was able to spend individual time with his students, who learned to write programs and use the IBM System 34 Computers.

With a hot flame, senior Ernesto Ignacio welds metal.

After completing projects came . . .

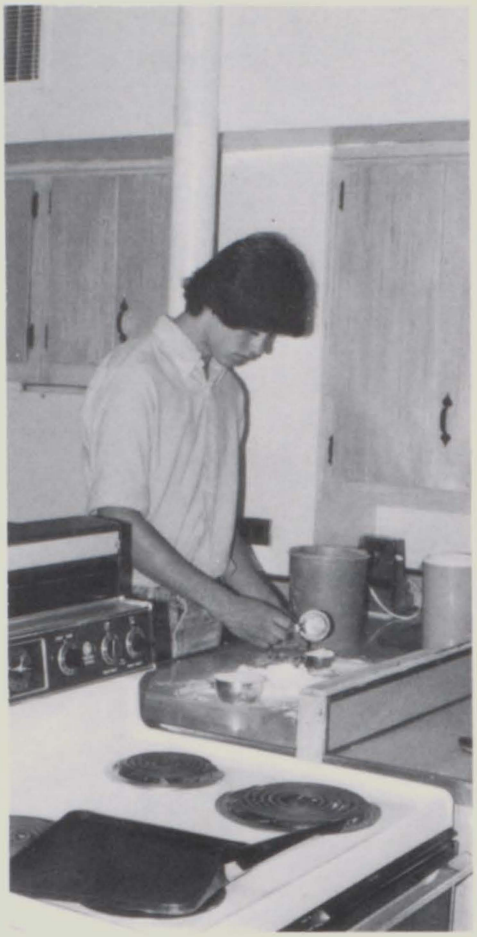
That taste of success

There's no better way to feel proud than to work hard to turn out a finished product. At least that's what home economics and vocational students believed. The key to success for these students was to complete projects related to sewing, cooking, parenting, or printing.

In sewing and cooking classes students learned the basics before attempting such complex tasks as making an outfit or cooking a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Whether college-bound or career-bound, they realized the importance of cutting costs by "doing it themselves." Donald Burdick, a senior and a Food Management student, said, "I am learning how to cook good, inexpensive food, so I won't starve in college."

Ms. Jenna Miller's Parenting Lab offered students opportunities to work directly with young children during the second semester. Role-playing and storytelling during the first semester prepared them for their experiences in Child Development.

Printing students benefited from Mr. Frank Sheedy's "on-the-job-training" approach, and the school benefited from the challenging assignments of these students. Thanks to the Printing class, the **Lasso, Tempo,** and programs for special assemblies and productions were printed in the school.



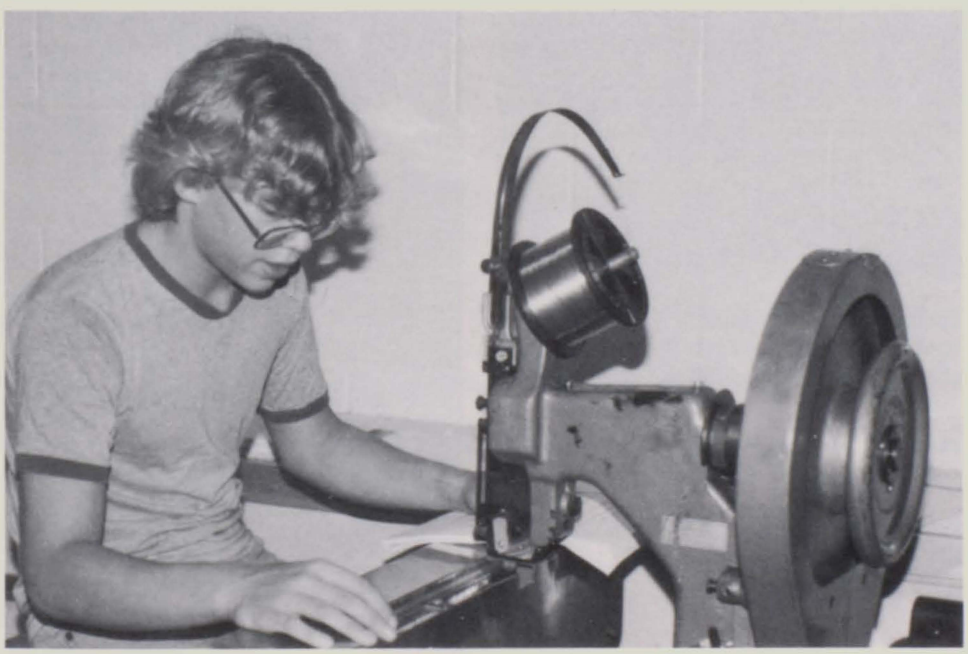
Measuring flour, senior Donald Burdick prepares pancake batter.

With an eye on the needle, sophomore Donna Robinson watches Ms. Sue Wilson stitch a seam.

After story hour, Ms. Jenna Miller's Parenting Lab class displays some of their hand puppets. **Front Row:** Linda Young, Holly Hoofnagle, juniors, sophomore Bridgette Albaugh, junior Debbie Costner, sophomore Tracy Rudd, seniors Dawn Hochradel and Karen Wilder. **Row 2:** senior Mike Wojcik, juniors Eric Frisby and Diane Cavanaugh, Ms. Jenna Miller.

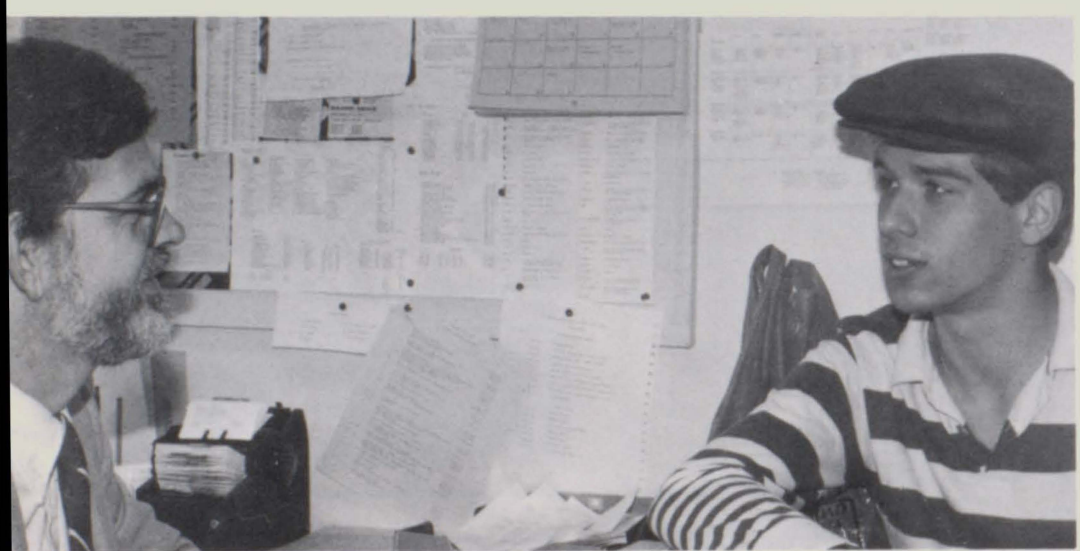
Printing student Michael Pickeral, senior, uses the copyrighting machine.

Bending over to see better, Mr. Frank Sheedy supervises senior Timmy Honesty's work.



Senior Lynn Doty works on a project at the light table.

Cautiously at work, sophomore Nicky Bell uses the stapler.



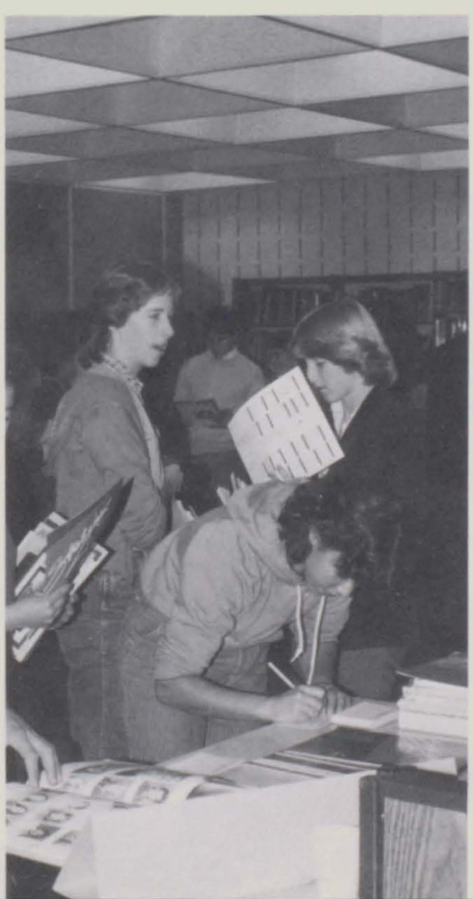
Guidance office aides Donny Montag, sophomore, and Tom Schwind, senior, check out Donny's sling.

Planning his future, senior Rod McLeod seeks Mr. Phil Lindsey's advice.

Getting organized, Guidance Department head Ms. Jesse Millhouse prepares to go over interims with her TA's.

Checking it out, junior Tom Crossan takes in the Army's computer show on career opportunities, while Sargeant Robert Endter stands by.

A crowd gathers, as students and Mr. Phillip Lindsey, counselor, watch the computer.



Junior Thuy Nguyen browses through a Marymount College catalog.

Signing on the line, senior Sachi Willner fills out a request form for a college catalog.

The Guidance Office was

A great place to start

The Guidance Department housed one of the busiest, most informative offices in the school. Counselors Ms. Jesse Millhouse and Mr. Phillip Lindsey were available to help students make both educational and personal decisions that could affect their lives. This office was the place to go to get college bulletins, PSAT and SAT testing materials, and information about Arlington's Career Education Center, as well as meet with college representatives.

College Day was October 20th. Many of Virginia's schools were represented in the media center where students talked to college recruiters and picked up school catalogs.

Most students enjoyed the October 26th visit from the United States Army. A computer called the "Joint Optical Information Network" was used by Sargeant Robert Endter, G.M.'s Army recruiter.

Senior Michael Stevens found the Guidance Office "very helpful," as did freshman Tammy Brumm. Junior Hedda Chang felt "good student-teacher relationships existed."

Moving to win

Mustangs had a great year in sports. They realized they didn't have to win every game to come out a winner. If they played the game right and had fun too, they felt a lot of school spirit. Playing the game right meant making the right moves for the team in the pool or on the court, track, or mats.

Sophomore Susan Schick said, "I like getting involved in sports because it's fun to play with people who know you and who are your friends."

GM, a Single "A" School of the Bull Run District, was assigned to Region "B." For every sport the team who won the District Play-Off went to the Regional one. The next competiton was State-wide.

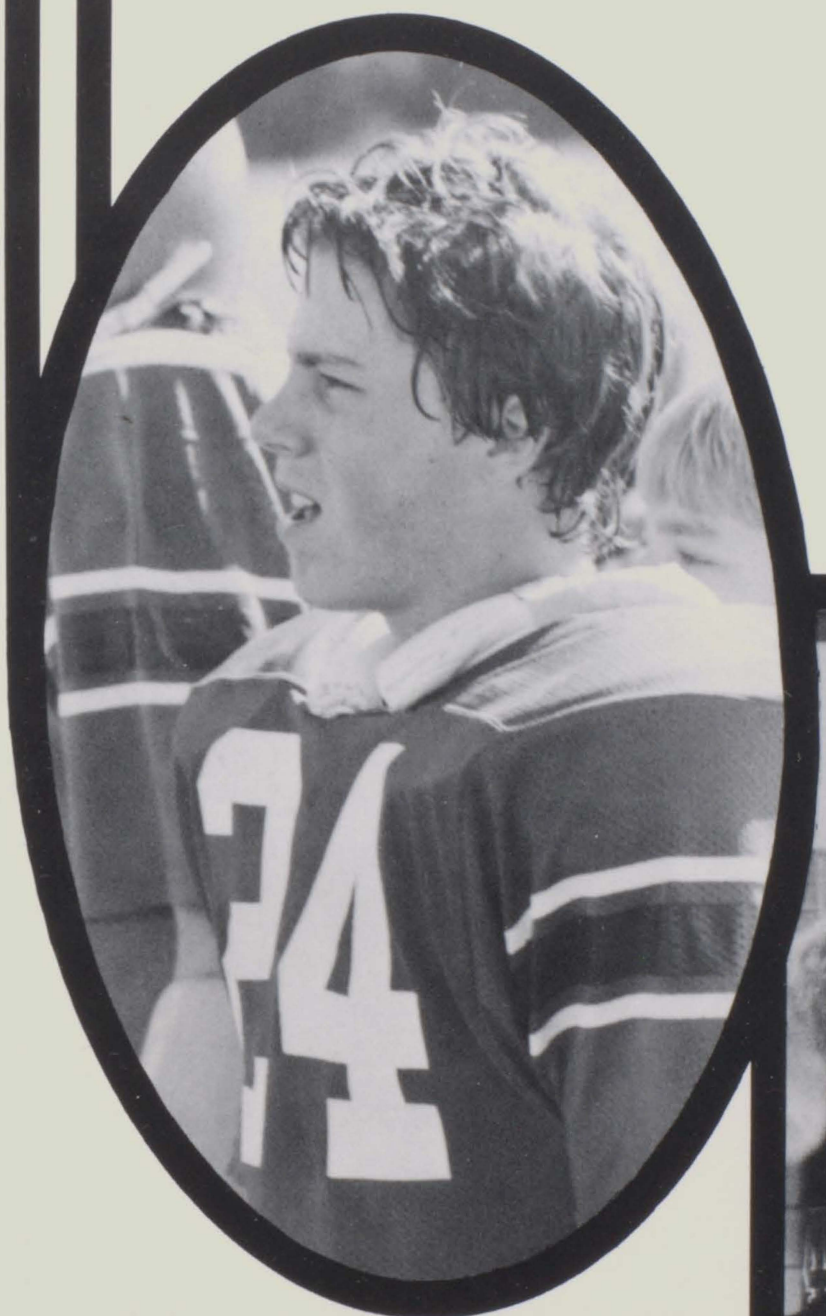
Athletes who played in the fall, winter, and spring sports were honored at seasonal sports' assemblies with awards and trophies.

The spirited cheerleaders who showed up at so many games cheered the team on and helped to "fire up" the crowds, as they watched the Mustangs move in the right direction to score points.

Moving fast, varsity basketball player Mike Johnson (15) dribbles the ball.

At the microphone, Mr. Arnold Siegfried, Athletic Director, announces fall sports' awards.

In unison, GM cheerleaders yell out a cheer.



Number 24, senior Tom Schwind watches the game.

Freshman Barbara Buzzerd looks to pass the ball.

Mustang cheerleaders were . . .

FULL OF ENERGY

Sports events would not have been the same without the Mustang cheerleaders yelling, clapping, and cheering along the sidelines. What many students didn't realize was that being a cheerleader was hard work that consumed a lot of time after school and on weekends. Sophomore Mandy Forsythe said, "Cheerleading is a lot of hard work, but its worth it in many, many ways."

Cheerleading involved much more than using vocal chords. Cheerleaders made posters for games and dances, decorated the stands, and sponsored the Sadie Hawkin's Dance on February 11th. Sophomore Elinor Scully enjoyed cheerleading because she "met new people and was able to be involved in a lot of school activities at one time."

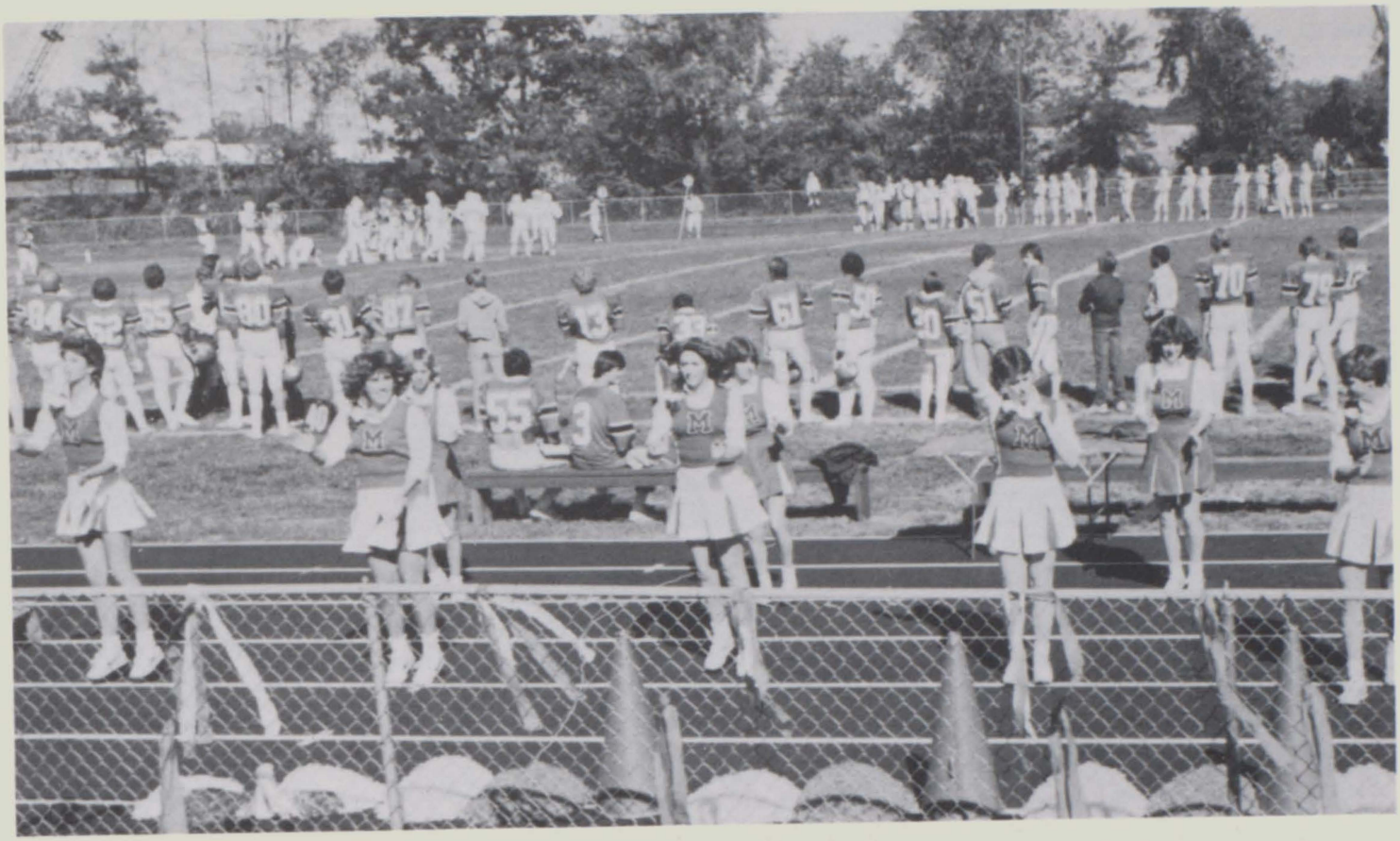
Homecoming week was a big success because junior varsity cheerleaders helped the varsity squad organize events and school pride. Freshman Shelley Black said, "At times it is very hard, but it's fun to be with my friends during games and practices."

As for being the varsity squad's captain, Erin O'Neill, senior, remarked, "I enjoy helping generate school spirit and working with people has given me insight on my future responsibilities."

Smiling together, sophomores Brooke Ogletree and Susie Jacomet take a break at halftime.

Shouting out, Sara Smolinsky yells for the Mustangs to win.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders — Tiffany Stilwell, Michelle Strite, Shelley Black, Sara Smolinsky (on top).



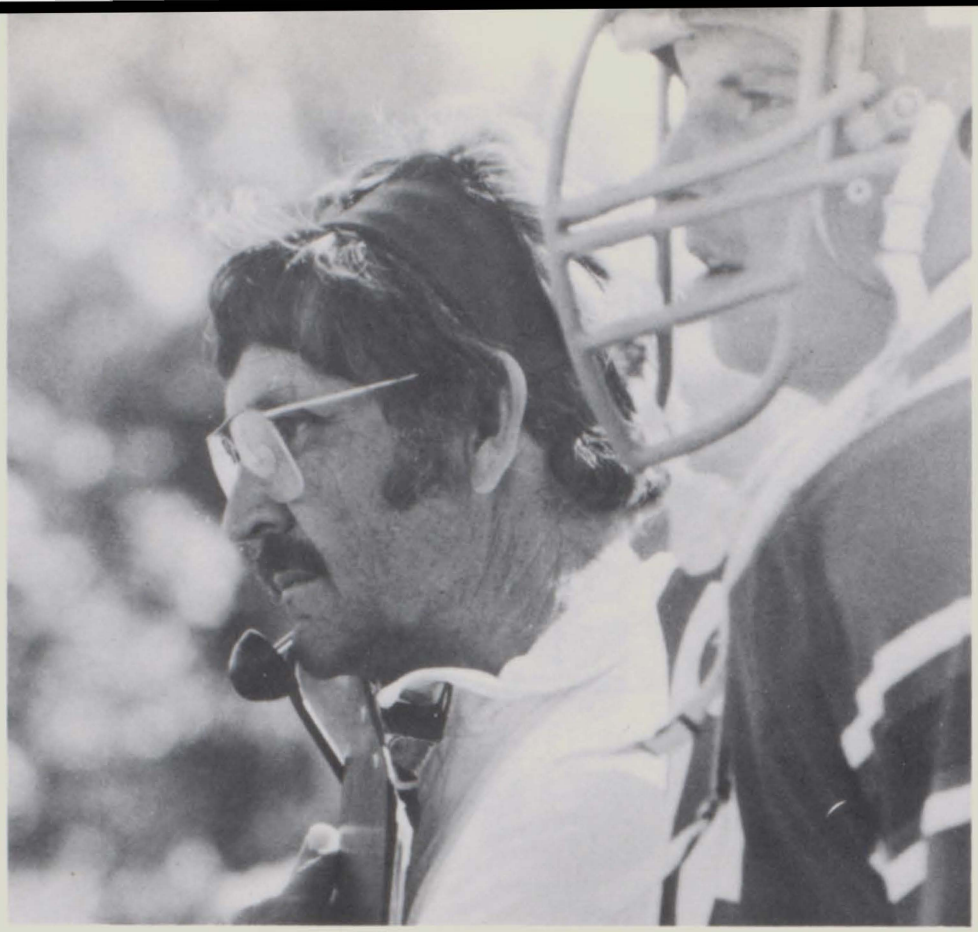
Forming two straight lines, both squads of cheerleaders cheer the football team on.

Varsity Cheerleaders — Front Row: Kim White, Kelli Brogdan, Brooke Ogletree, Mandy Forsythe. **Back Row:** Lauri Smith, Elinor Scully, Susie Jacomet, Tania Carroll, Erin O'Neill, Jeri Gibbon.

At the microphone, senior Erin O'Neill (Captain) addresses the audience at the first pep rally.

Head Coach Gambill and Captain Darren Thomas (42) watch the Homecoming game against Brentsville, which the Mustangs won, 14-0.

Against Georgetown Prep, sophomore Bobby Small (20) takes a hand-off from freshman John Melton (9).



Captains — Front Row: Steve Ferrari, Buddy Buzzerd, Tom Fry. **Back Row:** Dion Bruton, John Huber, Darren Thomas.

Combining, Tom Fry (74) and Hughes Melton (68) bring down a Blue Ridge ball carrier, whose team the Mustangs beat, 20-14.

Team effort and hard work meant . . .

A GOOD SEASON

The football teams competed in the Bull Run District, assigned to Region "B". The Mustangs didn't win every game, but they worked together smoothly. "Football is a sport unlike any other," said varsity player Buddy Buzzerd. He continued, "A bond forms between all the members of the team that is never quite broken."

The first team of players selected to the Bull Run All District Team for 1983 were Dion Bruton (25), Harry Buzzerd (84), and John Huber (45). The second team were Steve Ferrari (77), Tom Schwind (24), Tom Fry (74), and Darren Thomas (42).

Junior Varsity Football — Front Row: Danny Ohr, Matt McCullough, David Birindelli, Mike Lenker, Bobby Small, Rob Grande, Joe Beeman. **Second Row:** Kevin Morde, Stephen Sisler, Ricky Allen, Danny Boyd, Todd Parsons, Brad Craun. **Back Row:** Bobby Petersen, Robby Robinette, Alan Singleton, Rick Williamson, Johnny Melton, Derek Moss, Donny Montag, Coach John Weathers.

Junior Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Bishop Ireton	0 — 38
Pope Paul IV	6 — 0
St. Stephens	0 — 29
Osbourn Park	0 — 46
Manassas Park	7 — 40

Season Record 1 — 4

Varsity Football — Front Row: Mike Wocjik, Steve Swire, Tom Fry, John Huber, Darren Thomas, Buddy Buzzerd, Jeffrey Bruton, Mike Johnson, David Atchison, Coach John Weathers. **Second Row:** Coach Jack Gambill, Mike Harmuth, Rodney Phillips, Mike Clarke, Rick Condit, Tom Schwind, Ed Del Vecchio, Tex Frisby, Dave Wickersham, Robert Strain, Hughes Melton, Martin Clarke, Coach Dan Robey. **Back Row:** Bobby Small, Ricky Allen, Mike Lenker, Donny Montag, Alan Singleton, Marcus Prochaska, Mark Fleming, Rich Crawford, Mark Sikkar, Frank Lee, Chris Crabtree Rick Williamson, Brad Craun, John Melton, Rob Robinette.

Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Bishop Ireton	20 — 0
Osbourn Park	21 — 19
St. Stephens	10 — 39
Stonewall Jackson	19 — 19
Blue Ridge School	20 — 14
Brentsville	14 — 0
Manassas Park	14 — 16
Strasburg	21 — 13
Clarke Co.	0 — 21

Season Record 5 — 3

Playing against Brentsville, junior Laura Jacomet prepares for a jumpball.

Dedication was the key word for . . .

CHAMPION PLAYERS

Playing on a girls' basketball team meant devoting many after school and evening hours to practice sessions and games. Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity girls' basketball teams won more games than they lost. The Varsity team was selected to the Bull Run All District Girls' Basketball Team with senior Denise Shuster as the First Team Guard. In reference to her team, Denise said, "We are like a family, whether we are winning or losing. We are always striving together."

The Junior Varsity team played exceptionally well during the fall sports season. They won 12 out of 14 games. They also won the Junior Varsity Bull Run District Tournament Championship. According to freshman Erin Crowley, "Being on the J.V. Basketball Team was very exciting . . . I am glad I was a part of it."

At the Falls Sports Awards assembly, JV Coach Howard Herman stated how proud he was of the girls who faithfully attended every practice session to prepare for the title they eventually won.

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Mary Pitera, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jeanne Shuster, Tina Bryant, Cindy Mallon, Ann-Marie Carrington, Ann Tran. **Back Row:** Coach Howard Herman, Diana Shearer, Erin Crowley, Barbara Buzzerd, Susan Greenleaf, Mary Jordan, Karen Kinsella, Clare Shannon, Rachel Jacomet.

Junior Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Loudoun County	24 — 14
	12 — 11
Clarke County	21 — 19
	25 — 11
Manassas Park	26 — 19
	35 — 22
Strasburg	32 — 28
	31 — 19
Stonewall Jackson	28 — 34
	36 — 39
Rappahanock	27 — 16
	38 — 18
Brentsville	19 — 18
	20 — 18

Season Record: 12 — 2

Freshman Erin Crowley defends opponent Brentsville.

Freshman Susan Greenleaf prepares to shoot.

Girls' Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Michelle Shuster, Denise Shuster, Diane Cavanagh, Margaret Byrd, Joan Earman.

Back Row: Coach James Spirodopolis, Katie Jacomet, Rachel Lee, Laura Jacomet, Karen Seal, Karen Cohen.

Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Loudoun County	41 — 43
	40 — 41
Clarke County	43 — 45
	36 — 35
Manassas Park	44 — 32
	49 — 15
Strasburg	23 — 56
	34 — 44
Quantico	44 — 19
	37 — 28
Stonewall Jackson	36 — 35
	48 — 43
Rappahannock	49 — 55
	33 — 26
Brentsville	43 — 35
	31 — 38

Season Record: 9 — 7

Teammates ran hard to . . .

BEAT A RECORD

"The boys' soccer team had an excellent season, finishing with an 11-5-1 record and second place in the Metro Conference B Tournament," explained Mr. Mark Wallace, coach. He added that the Mustangs were the only team to make the Metro Conference Championship two years in a row.

The girls' soccer team, coached by Mr. Harry Shovlin, did their best to "improve and prove their ability," said senior Debbie Keay. Novice goalie Suzanne Bastarache, senior, summed up her experiences on the team by saying, "I made a lot of friends and had a lot of fun." Suzanne was "the best goalie we ever had," boasted senior Lauri Smith.

Coach Snee believed the cross country team "showed steady improvement through the District Meet." The runners ran on 3.1 mile long competition courses. Senior Krit Sirichanya said, "I enjoy running. To me, joining cross country helps relieve the stress of school."

Reading about soccer, Coach Mark Wallace meets with the boys' soccer team.

Brother soccer players, senior Marvin and freshman Edwin Burgos work on an assignment after practice.

Opponent	We — They
Rappahannock	9 — 2
Pope Paul	4 — 0
Bishop Ireton (JV)	4 — 6
French International	2 — 3
Seaton	4 — 0
The Heights	3 — 2
Flint Hill	7 — 0
German School	4 — 0
Rappahannock	3 — 0
Washington-Lee (JV)	3 — 5
St. Anselm's	0 — 2
Flint Hill	8 — 0
Carroll	3 — 1
Mackin	6 — 1
International School	1 — 1
Season Record	10 — 4

Boy's Soccer — Front Row: Leo Villasmil, Charles Shuster. **Second Row:** Jack Fetner, Alan Beres, Edwin Burgos. **Back Row:** Mehran Khosrawdad, Marvin Burgos.

All stretched out, goalie Suzanne Bastarache, senior, dives for the ball.

Girls' Soccer — Front Row: Kim Snead, Keith Grenoble (Manager), Courtney Gallagher. **Second Row:** Debbie Keay, Mr. Harry Shovlin (Coach), Susan Schneider, Sachi Willner, Amy Meserve, Elizabeth Pitera, Clara Green, Susan Armstrong, Susan Bastarache. **Back Row:** Chris Sikkar, Renee Leavitt, Ursula Del Vecchio, Beth McWilliams, Mary Jo Shannon.

Opponent	We — They
Osbourn Park	0 — 2
Loudoun Co.	0 — 6
Pope Paul VI	3 — 2
Loudoun Valley	1 — 4
Flint Hill	3 — 0
Osbourn	1 — 2
Loudoun Valley	0 — 3
Osbourn Park	2 — 3
Flint Hill	0 — 2
Pope Paul VI	2 — 1
Season Record	3 — 7

Cross Country — Front Row: Tuan Nguyen, Anthony Dallesandro, Andy Feltman, Peter Droujinski, Jeff Lenker, Rob Munoz, Kevin Parra, Lynn Doty. **Back Row:** Jane Arons, Krit Sirichanya, Ingrid Engdahl, Robert Horavath, Hugo Mendoza, Danielle Petersen, Carrie Love, Carrie Sherburne, Coach Robert Snee.

Opponent	We — They
Clarke County	39 — 18
Stonewall Jackson	45 — 18
Rappahannock	49 — 15
Quantico	50 — 15
Strasburg	45 — 16
Massanutten Academy and	31 — 74
Clarke County	— 24
Clarke County and	59 — 30
Brentsville	— 33
Season Record	0 — 7

Basketball players kept up a very . . .

BUSY SCHEDULE

The winter basketball season was demanding for both the junior varsity and varsity teams, who played over twenty games. According to Mr. Jim Spirodopolis, varsity coach, "The 1983-84 season has been one of many peaks and valleys. Fine play was demonstrated by all at different times."

The cheerleaders loyally cheered at every home game to support the players and fire up the crowds.

The assistant athletic director, Gus Shuster, senior, said, "The games were very enjoyable to watch. The team was capable of exciting aggressive games."

Holding onto the ball freshman Joe Cheek looks to pass to Kevin Blake, Number 50.

After school, sophomore Jeff Miers and freshman Joe Marshall practice basketball.

Junior Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Model	59 — 43
Pope Paul	33 — 39
S-Wall	29 — 39
Rappahannock	23 — 42
Brentsville	23 — 34
Clarke Co.	28 — 40
Poolesville	63 — 64
Strasburg	34 — 48
Ireton	36 — 55
Model	63 — 50
Manassas Park	24 — 28
Pope Paul	42 — 49
S-Wall	41 — 42
Brentsville	33 — 32
Rappahannock	20 — 22
Poolesville	36 — 44
Clarke Co.	36 — 46
Strasburg	31 — 36
Ireton	33 — 66
Manassas Park	25 — 46
Season Record	3 — 17

Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Joseph Cheek, Mike Buddendeck. **Back Row:** Coach Davis Miers, Joey Riten-our, Kevin Blake, Bobby Petersen, John Melton, Matt Smoot, Alan Singleton.

Defending, junior Neil Clinton and senior David Schmidt play against Stonewall Jackson.

Number 15, senior Mike Johnson takes a jump shot.

Jumping up, senior Tim Honesty (Number 21) makes a shot.

Boys' Varsity Basketball — Front Row: Stephanie Stevens (Manager), Bill Massey, Robert Bastarache, Joey Marshall, Diane Cavanagh (Manager). **Second Row:** Frank Lee, Richard Crawford, David Schmidt, Ken Massey, Davis Miers, John Bender, Mike Johnson, Tim Honesty. (Absent: Mr. James Spirodopolis, Coach)

	Varsity
Opponent	**We — They**
Model	54 — 53
S-Wall	54 — 61
Rappahannock	58 — 72
River Heads	44 — 66
Shenendoah Academy	42 — 50
Brentsville	56 — 53
Clarke Co.	49 — 48
Poolesville	63 — 57
Strasburg	50 — 63
Ireton	48 — 50
Model	45 — 57
Manassas Park	57 — 43
S-Wall	43 — 51
Brentsville	51 — 53
Rappahannock	65 — 55
Poolesville	52 — 58
Clarke Co.	57 — 46
Strasburg	44 — 63
Ireton	46 — 59
Manassas Park	60 — 54
Season Record	8 — 12

For some boys, wrestling was . . .

THE BEST OF SPORTS

A sport confined to mats on the floor, wrestling was the highlight of some Mustangs' year in sports. Senior Rob Munoz said, "Wrestling gives me an incredible, emotional high, an incredible adrenalin kick that makes the physical outlay seem minor in comparison."

During the winter sports season, Coach Steven Klass practiced with the wrestlers everyday for several hours. When asked his opinion of the team, he answered, "The Mustang wrestling team had a successful season despite winning only four dual meets."

Warming-up, the wrestlers exercise before their meet with Model, a school for deaf students.

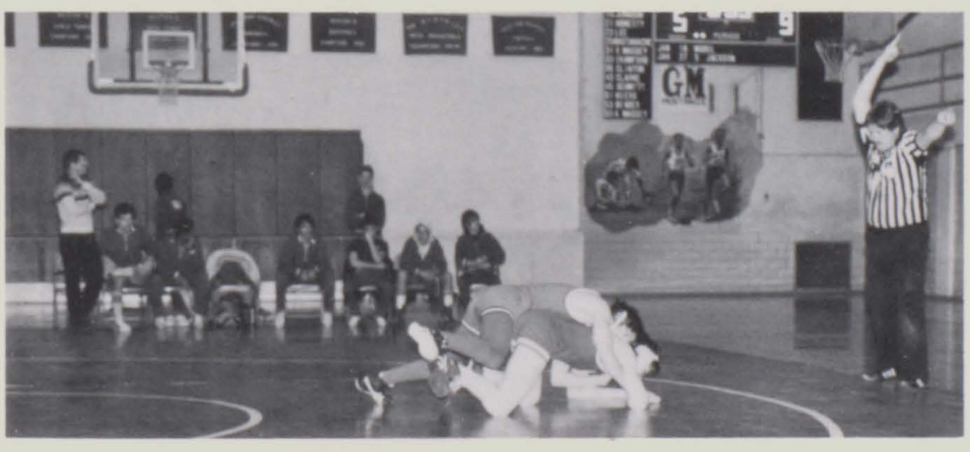
Scorekeepers Eddie Klebau, freshman, and Karen Seal, junior, keep time.

Staying in shape, freshman Tuan Nguyen jogs after school.

Helping out, Coach Steven Klass unties a mat.

Wrestling Team — Front Row: Chris Buddendeck, Marty Clarke. **Second Row:** Hugo Mendoza, Kevin Parra, Mike Lenker, Tuan Nguyen. **Back Row:** Robert Wallace, Jeff Lenker, Rob Munoz, Rick Williamson, Terrence O'Grady, Coach Steven Klass.

Senior Rob Munoz tightens up the pin.



Junior Chris Buddendeck sets up a takedown.

Junior Jeff Lenker scores two for a takedown.

Number 25, Karen Yamhure, senior, makes a back-line spike.

Number 31, Denise Shuster, senior, prepares to spike.

Varsity

Opponent	We — They
Brentsville	L — W
Strasburg	L — W
Rappahannock	W — L
S-Wall	L — W
Loudoun Co	W — L
Brentsville	L — W
Clarke Co.	L — W
Rappahannock	W — L
S-Wall	L — W
Strasburg	L — W

Season Record 3 — 8

Girls' Varsity Volleyball — Front Row: Joan Earman, Renee Leavitt, Jane Arons, Ursula Del Vecchio. **Back Row:** Ms. Jean McGuire-Robb (Coach), Karen Yamhure, Denise Shuster, Margaret Byrd, Karen Cohen.

Junior Varsity

Opponent	We — They
S-Wall	L — W
Loudoun Co.	L — W
Clarke Co.	L — W
Strasburg	L — W
S-Wall	L — W

Season Record 0 — 5

Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball — Front Row: Diem Luu, Carrie Dove, Erin Daugherty, Cindy Crabtree. **Back Row:** Jeannie Shuster, Danielle Petersen, Jenny Boozell, Chrissy Schick, Coach Robin Hopes.

Number 21, Joan Earman, sophomore, prepares to serve.

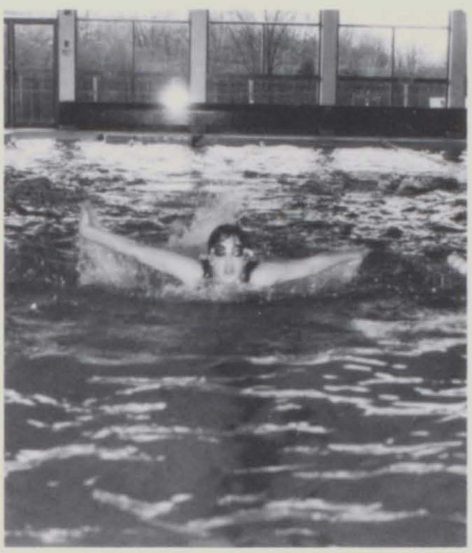
Joining a team meant . . .

GETTING PHYSICAL

Students realized that joining a team didn't mean they had to be pros. By practicing hard and working out, they could learn the sport, improve their skills, have a good time, and keep in shape by "getting physical."

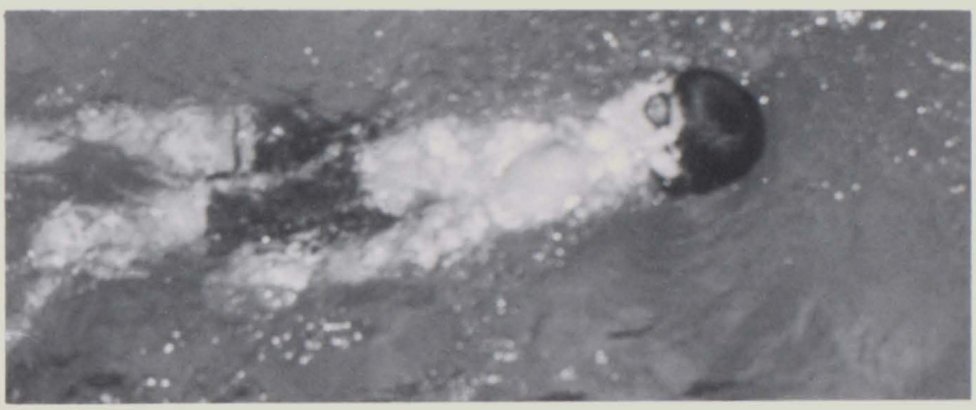
This was the first year the Mustangs had a girls' junior varsity volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Robin Hopes. As for the varsity volleyball team, Coach Jean McGuire-Robb felt the season had been a successful one. Senior Denise Shuster said, "Though we are small in number, we are a determined, close-knit team who works together."

The swim team practiced daily after school at the Dunn Loring YWCA. Coach Mark Wallace concentrated on individual swimmer's strengths and weaknesses in order to improve this coed team's record. Freshman Mark Dallesandro said, "There is a special mix of people who swim here for the true meaning of the sport — fun!"



With goggles on, sophomore Carrie Sherburne does the butterfly.

In the water, sophomore Andy Condit practices his backstroke.



Swimming — Front Row: Ingrid Engdahl, Chris Sikkar, Karen Kinsella, Richard Condit. **Second Row:** Amy Meserve, Eileen Tully, Carrie Sherburne. **Back Row:** Mark Dallesandro, Amy Johnson, Sharon Chase, Ellen Mittendorf, Peter Droujinsky, Andy Condit.

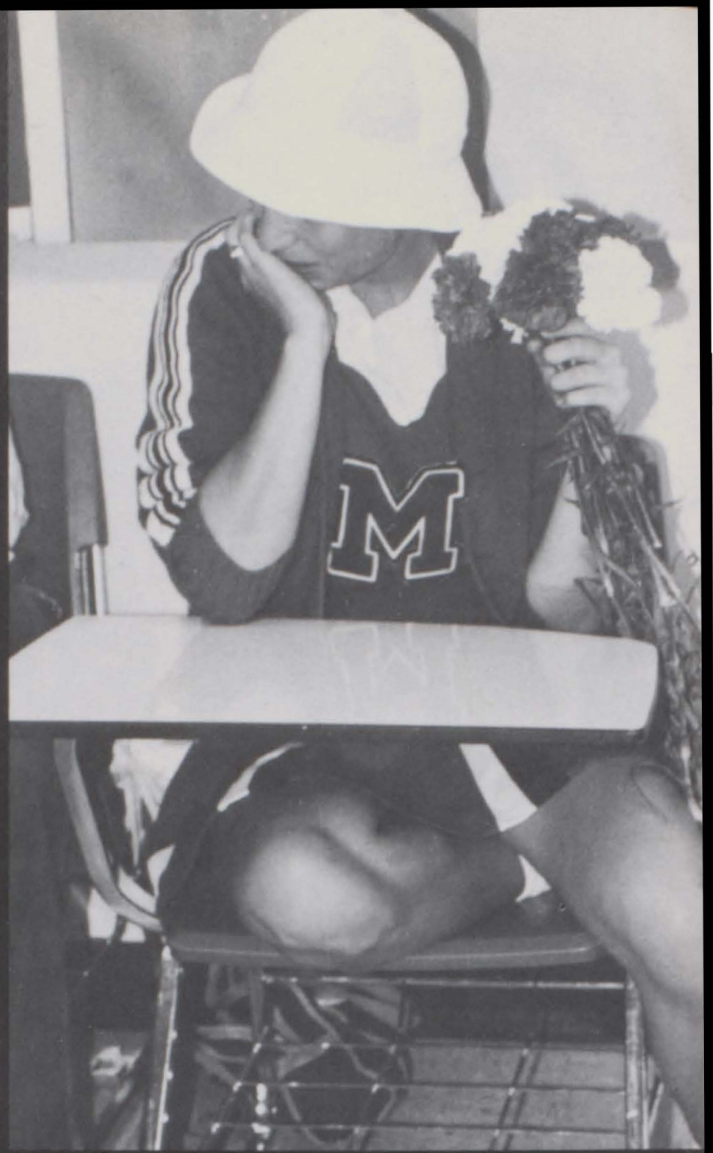
Opponent	We — They
Model	73 — 145
Sidwell Friends	78 — 95
Crossland	63 — 121
Model	95 — 114
Sidwell Friends	94 — 92

Season Record 1 — 4

Moving on

As the seniors progressed from September to June, they experienced many different feelings. Traditionally, one's senior year is for sharing each other's accomplishments and successes, as well as each other's disappointments and sorrows. It was no different for the Mustangs. They carried a heavy load because of course work, college placement exams, extra-curricular activities, and after-school jobs. Relief from all the stress came from the seniors' gathering together with their friends during break and lunch or after school and on weekends.

The seniors always found time to share "the good times" at dances, parties, athletic events, and on field trips. Perhaps they laughed together; perhaps they cried together. One thing is for sure. At their graduation and during their prom, they realized the success of their senior year. They also realized they were now moving on. Their future was a positive one.

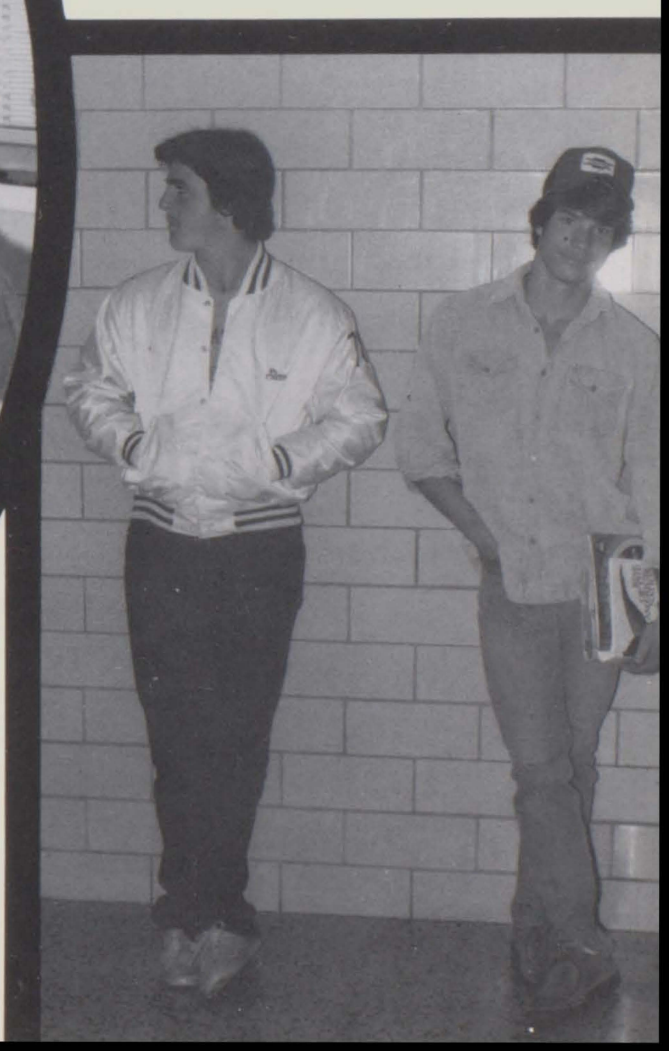


Resting before class begins, varsity cheerleader Lauri Smith, senior, holds red and white carnations during Homecoming Week.

Concentrating on his music, senior Dan Grande plays the drums in Band.

Face to face, Mustang staff members Debbie Bruce, editor-in-chief, and Mike Stevens, seniors, edit copy.

SCC President Denise Shuster pauses during an announcement.



During break seniors Steve Swire and Steve Ferrari girl watch.

THOSE APPLICATIONS!

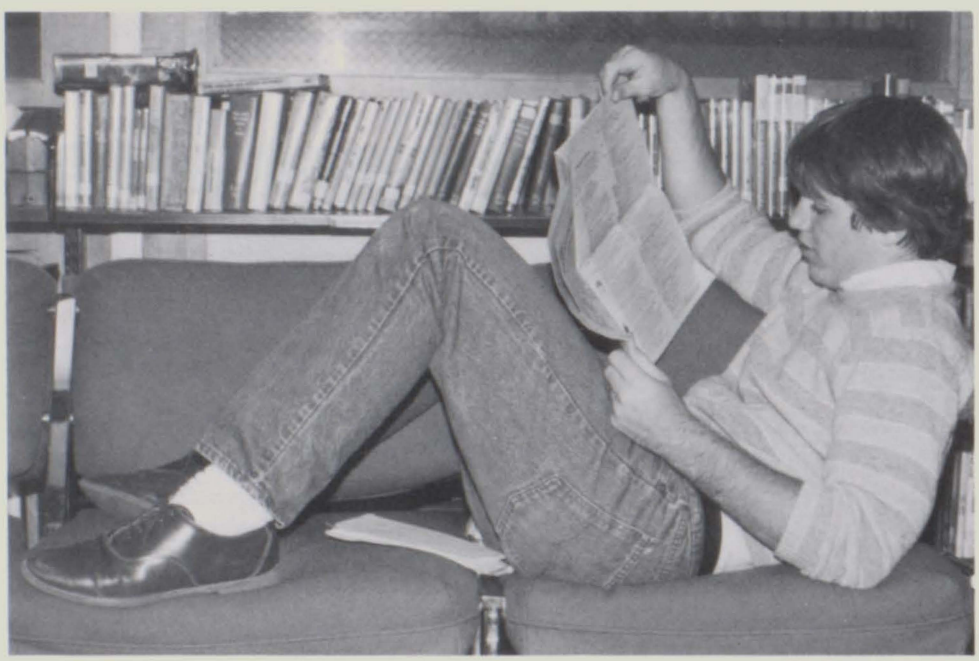
For a good portion of the seniors' last year at GM, graduation and college seemed light years away. Reality set in, however, when college-bound students had to process applications during the fall and winter.

One of the first steps toward becoming a college student was to take the SAT's and then wait patiently for the scores, which ranged from 200-800. Students usually had a good idea about what school or schools they wished to attend. They just had to be patient.

They also had to be diligent about processing their application neatly and promptly. They wrote essays and secured teacher recommendations. They pestered the guidance office staff to organize their files and send them off.

Seniors felt frustration, anxiety, and excitement, as they waited for letters of acceptance in the mail. They just had to sit back and concentrate on their classes at GM. It wasn't easy being a college-bound senior.

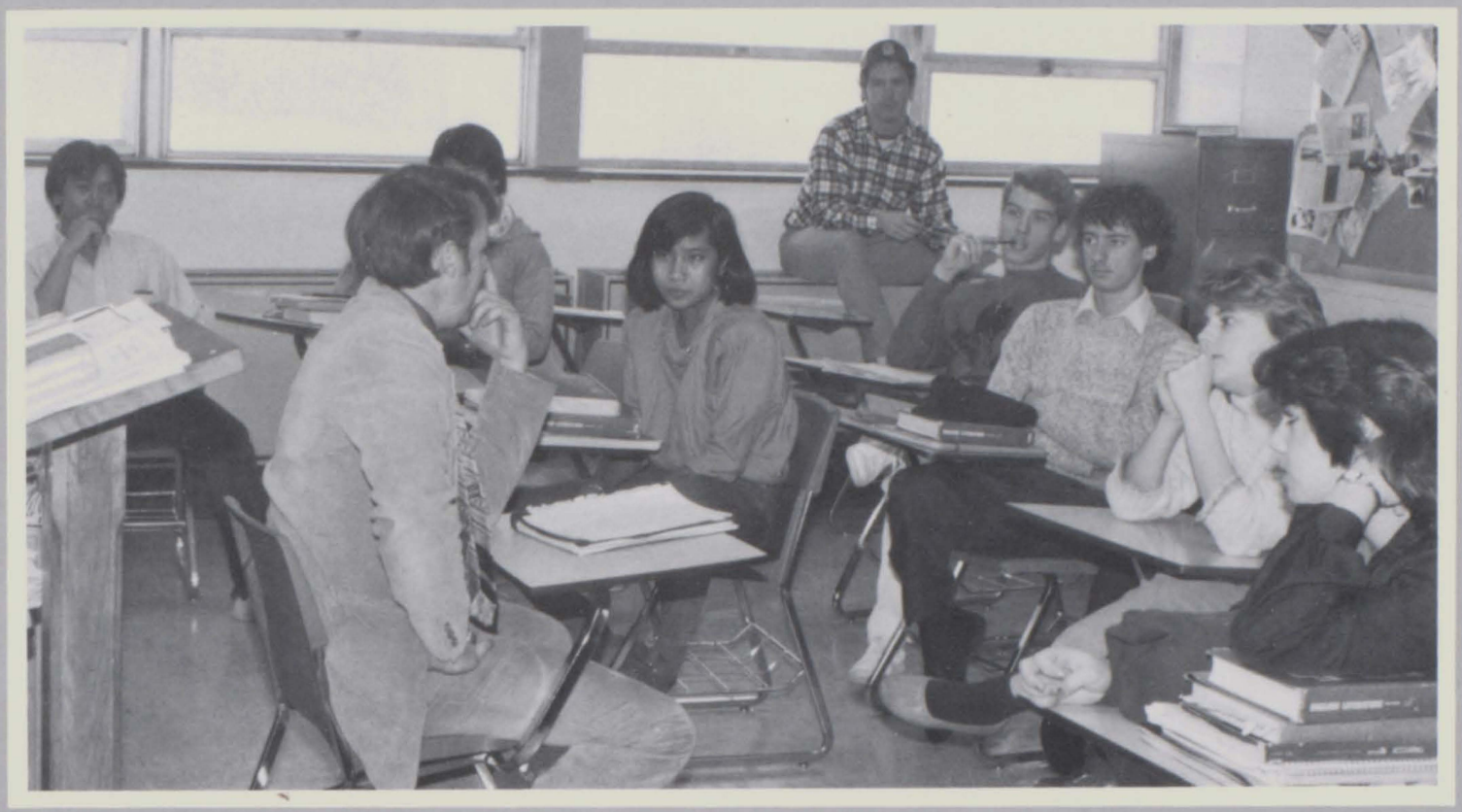
In English class, senior Melissa Obenshain rewrites an essay.

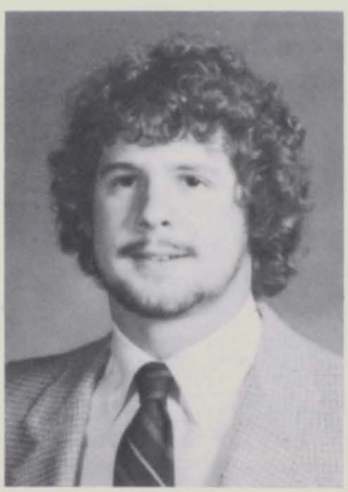


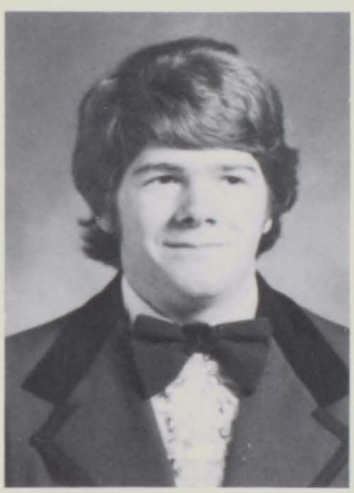
During open study, Buddy Buzzerd examines an application for college.

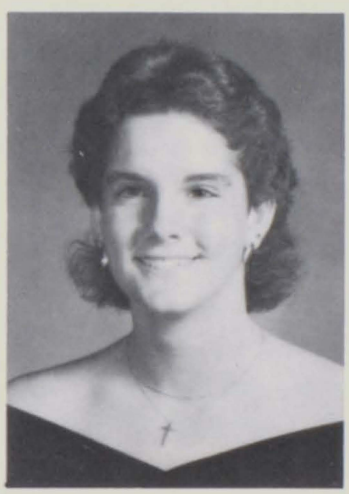
In Food Management, Mike Pickeral and David Schmidt learn to prepare "dorm food."

In his English Literature class, Mr. Michael Hoover discusses **Wuthering Heights.**









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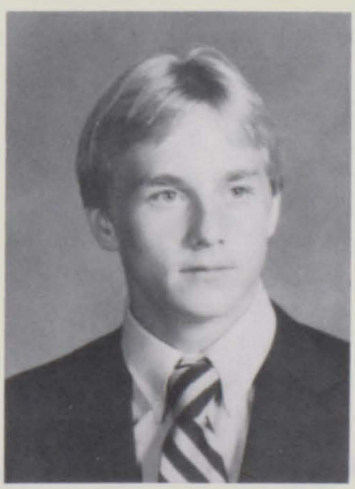
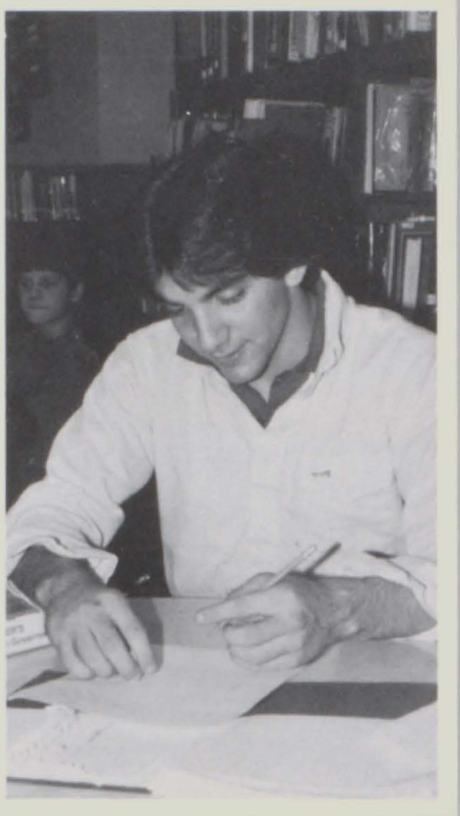
Kristopher Barth
Suzanne Bastarache
Class Clown
Most Athletic



Susan L. Beeman
Cutest Couple with
Darren Thomas
Allan W. Beres
Edith R. Bridge
Most Talented

In the media center, Ed Del Vecchio goes over his classnotes.

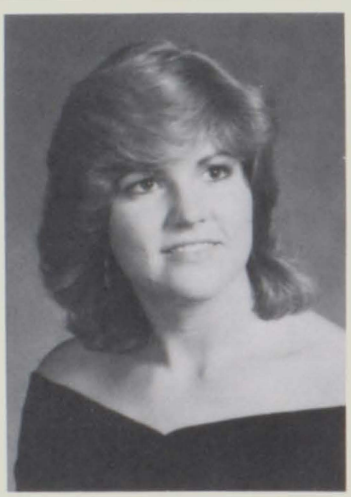


TO BE A SENIOR

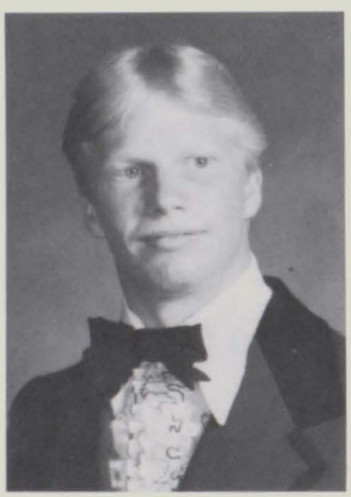
For the senior, education was not exactly free. Or at least, all the "extras" cost plenty.

For the college-bound senior, asking a parent to "Write a check please for . . . " became a weekly habit. It cost to take the SAT's and ACT's. College applications required about $20.00 to be processed. Was anything free?

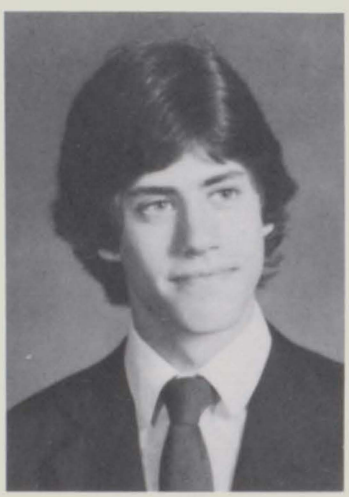
Senior pictures cost a lot, especially if all the relatives and friends were to be given a picture. As graduation approached, seniors ordered (and paid for) announcements, class rings, caps, gowns, tassels, and more. There was no paying "C.O.D." Seniors had to come up with a lot of money in advance. Everyone seemed to feel financially drained.



Deborah Lynn Bruce
Most Lovable

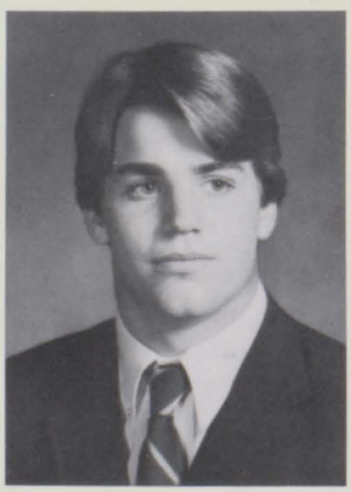


Dion Bruton
Most Talkative

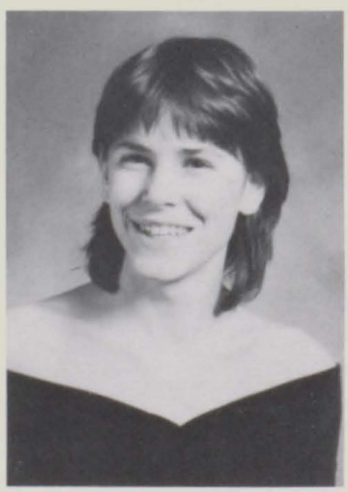


Donald T. Burdick

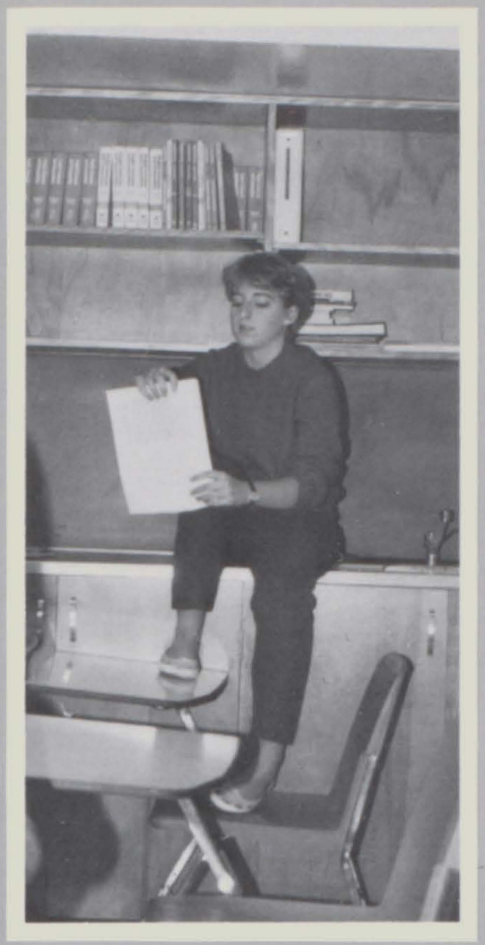
Marvin F. Burgos



Harry Buzzerd III



Sarah Marie Cheek
Most Artistic



Senior IB English student, Liesl Leach reads her research notes in class.

At a "seniors only" assembly, Dr. George Thoms jokes with the students.

Michael C. Clarke
Richard W. Condit
Friendliest
Jo Anne Crocker

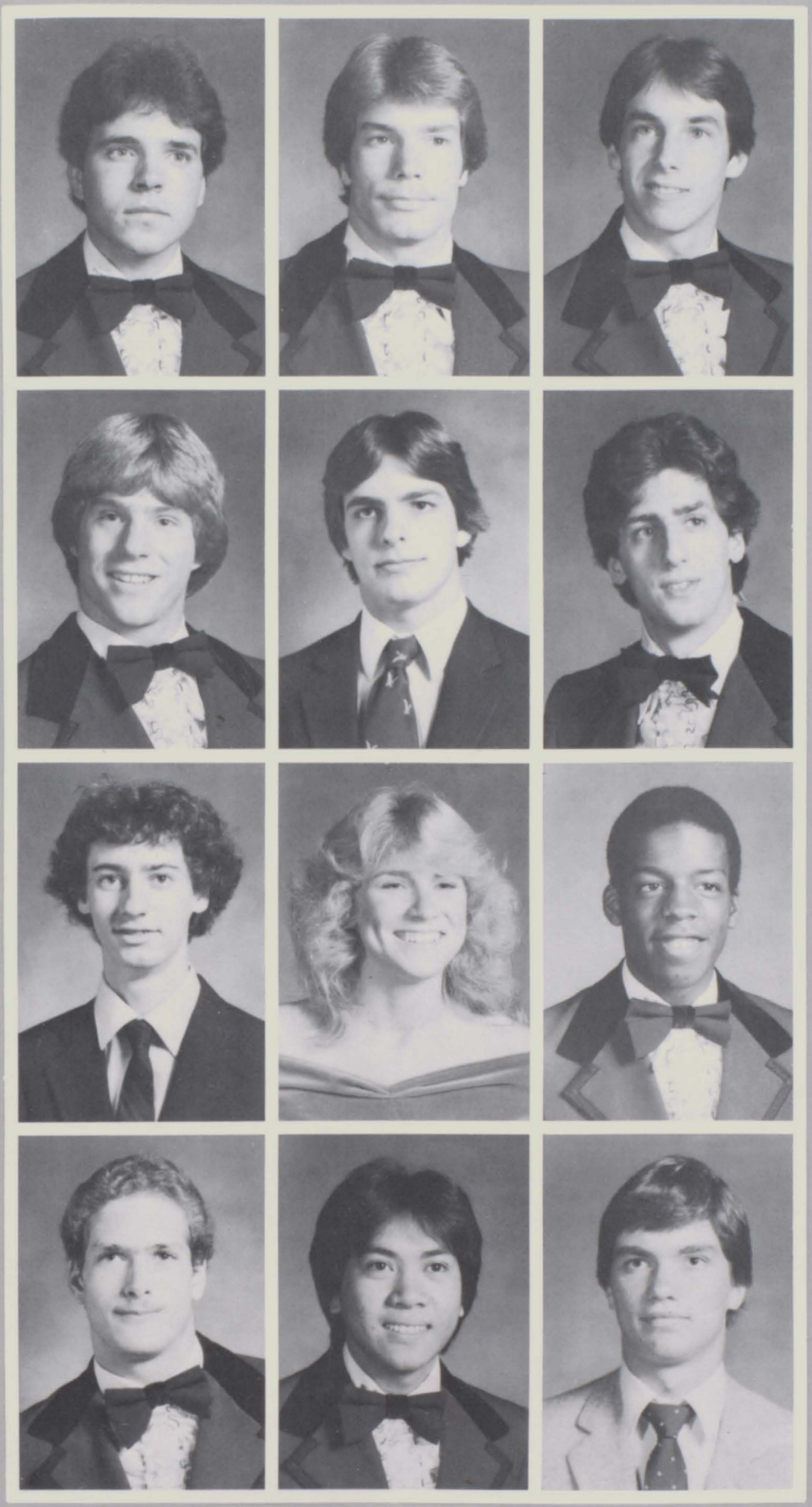
Colleen Cliff
Janice L. Doty
Valerie Edwards

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Many seniors believed they were geared up for graduation ever since they entered high school. Anthony Meredith said, "Graduation is something every student looks forward to from the time he enters ninth grade." Throughout high school they headed in the direction of their June 14th graduation day ceremony, which was held in GM's auditorium in the evening. It was a day that marked the end and the beginning. The present became the past; the future was then.

Seniors had their personal definitions of graduation. Susan Beeman said, "Graduation means starting all over again . . . I want to go and experience new things." Craig Leavitt reported that, "Graduation to me is self-satisfying, knowing that I completed the most important task in my entire life." Rod McLeod looked forward to "the freedom and responsibility of the college experience."

Varsity football player, Dion Bruton laces his shoulder pads.



Dennis Eister
Steven A. Ferrari
Most Athletic
Best Looking
Lawrence J. Fetner

Eric Frisby
Thomas Ware Fry
Daniel S. Grande
Most Talented
Class Clown
Best Actor

Roger Keith Grenoble
Most Artistic
Dawn Hochradel
Best Friends With
Sachi Willner
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Best Looking
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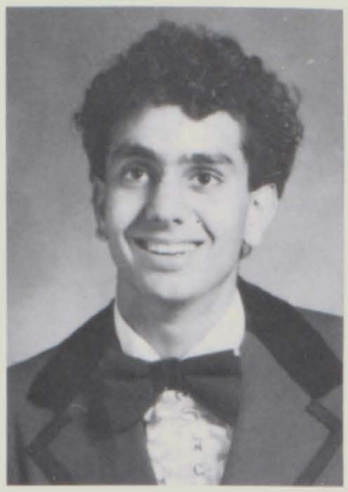
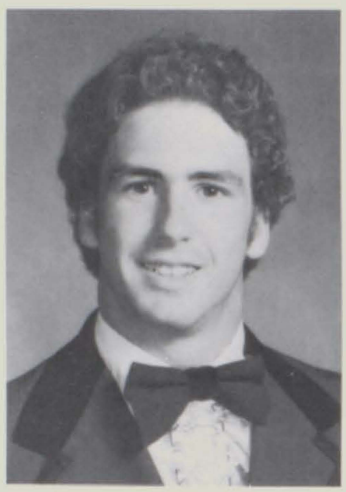
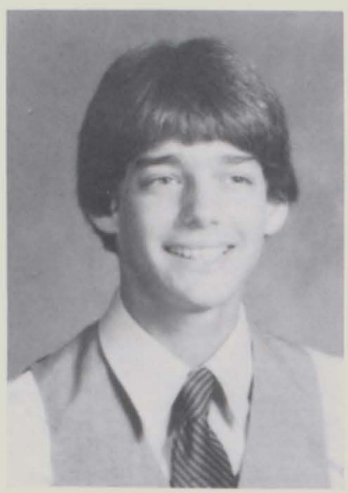
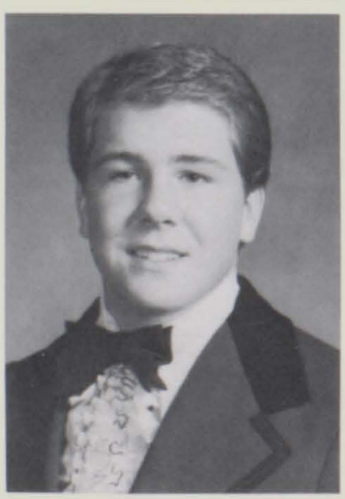


Bavette E. Kimbrell
Russell Arthur Larkin
Craig Steven Leavitt
Teacher's Pet

Jennie Ora E. Levick
Indra Ali-K Levy
Class Scholar
John Tcheng Lin

James F. Maclean
Ngoc Dao Mai
Theresa L. Maybury
Most Likely to Succeed



With Orlando Lovechild as DJ, Buddy Buzzerd and Lauri Smith dance at the first school dance.

At the wall, the senior guys congregate to catch up on school news.

Checking notes, Debbie Bruce, Genevieve and Christine Torchio, and Lauri Smith meet outside during a fire drill.

TOGETHER AS FRIENDS

Many Mustangs of the class of '84 had attended school with the same classmates for many years. The good and bad times spent together formed close relationships, or to express it in a different way, a "close togetherness."

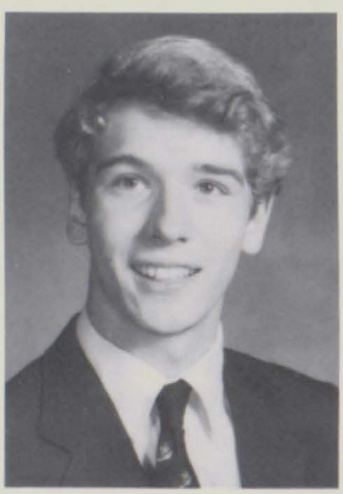
As Rod McLeed stated, "The close relationships we have with each other have positive and negative aspects. We know each other well, but to have a boy-girl relationship with someone you have known for so many years is difficult."

The positive aspects of this closeness by far outweighed the negative ones. Many seniors deeply cared for each other and shared their joys and sorrows with their classmates. In fact, new students to the school found it very difficult to understand how Mustangs could be such "tight friends," who always gravitated to each other. By spending so much time together in a small school in a small school system, the students knew each other's faults and weaknesses, but seemed to overlook them by concentrating on each other's good points and strengths.

Kissing snow, Debbie Bruce (**Mustang** editor), celebrates an early school closing.

Waiting for the bell to leave school early, Erin O'Neill relaxes in class.

George R. McLeod
Class Politician
Most School Spirited
Most Dependable
Amy Lynne Meserve
Robert James Munoz
Class Scholar
Most Likely to Succeed



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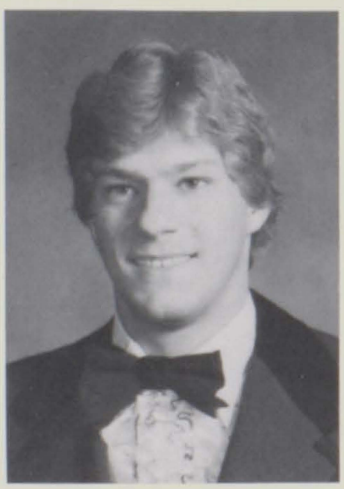
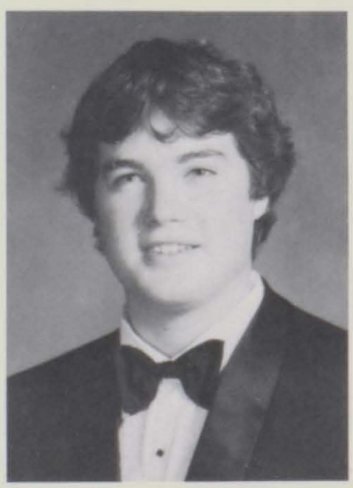
Erin Gerta O'Neill
Most Fun Loving
Class Flirt





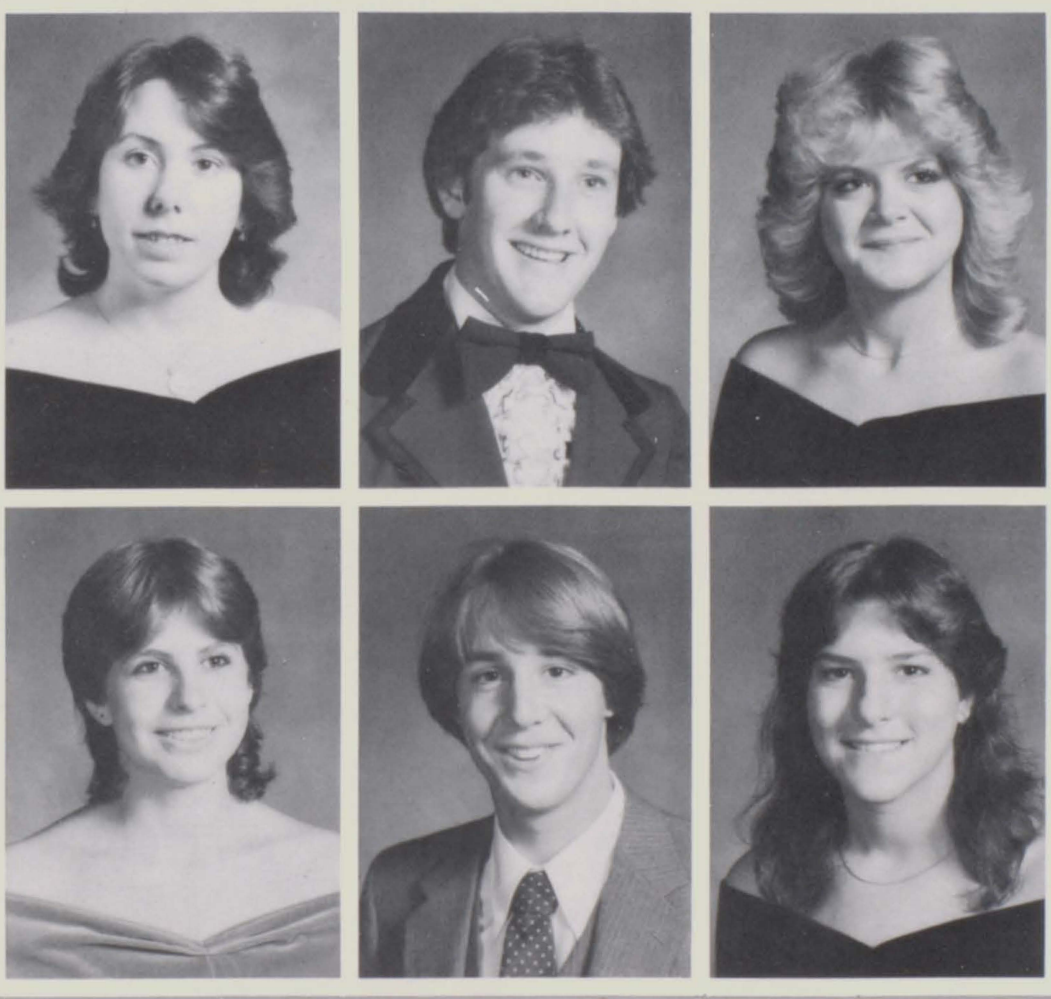
THE UNEXPECTED SNOW

"Where's the rain?" asked the teachers and students on Wednesday morning, January 18th, asthey watched the snow fall. The predicted rain never came. Instead, up to 8 inches of snow fell in the Falls Church area.

Students couldn't concentrate on their classes because they kept waiting for Dr. Thoms' announcement that GM would close immediately. When the belated announcement finally was heard over the P.A. system during the 4th period, many students were in an uproar.

Students rejoiced the following day morning, January 18th, as they Their alarm clocks were shut off immediately.

At the curb, students wait for their bus to take them home early.



Michelle C. Phillips
Michael Pickeral
Kristina L. Pryor

Betty Jo Renner
David J. Schmitt
Best Friends with
Mike Wojcik
Susan E. Schneider

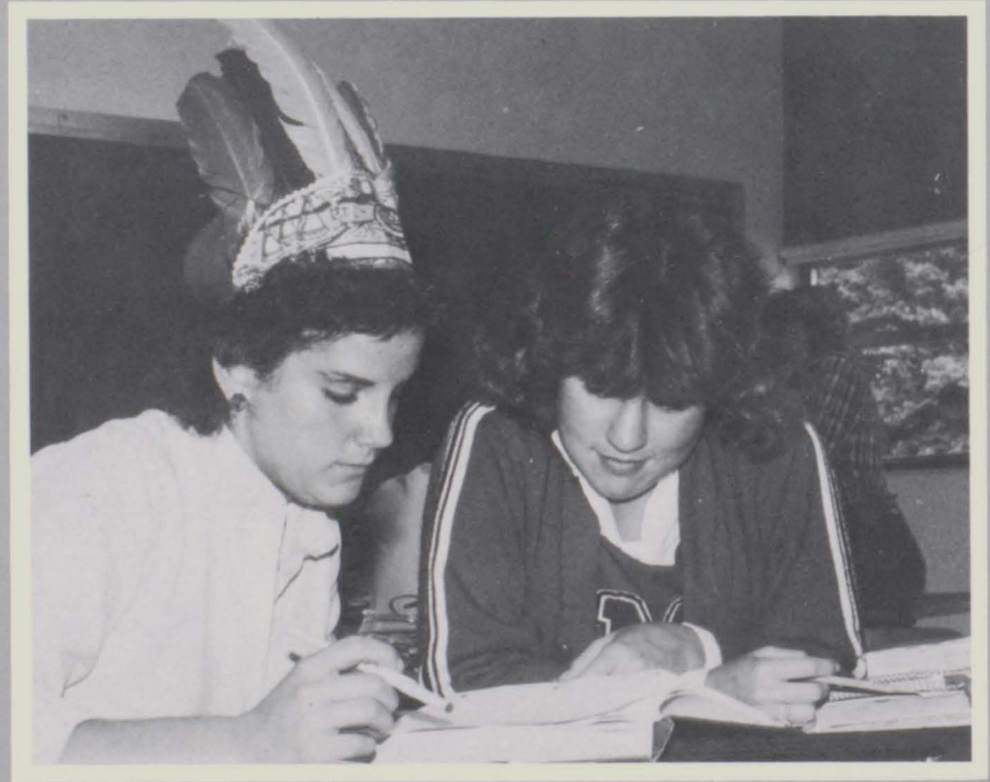
During Homecoming week, Amy Meserve dresses for "Hat and Overalls Day."

T.G.I.F.

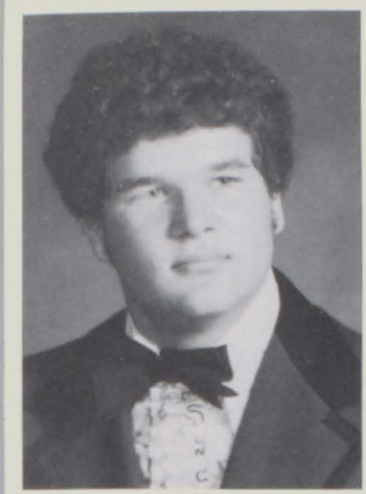
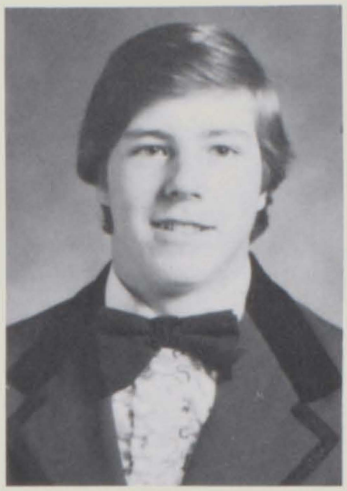
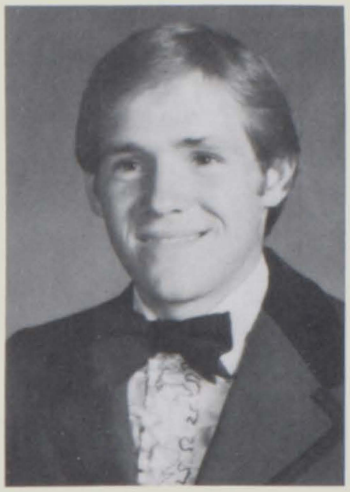
Weekends were usually fun times for seniors, filled with social engagements. Times spent together outside GM's walls on Saturday and Sunday became special memories. Beginning with the school's first dance of the year, weekends consisted of parties, get-togethers, sports events, and field trips. Weekends brought laughs. Dion Bruton boasted, "I enjoy being with my friends, having a good time, and laughing it up."

Since so many seniors were close friends, they chose to spend their weekends together, unless they had to study or go away. It seemed hard to believe that once June came and the beach week ended, these close friends would part ways and not be together to celebrate that end of the school week feeling called "T.G.I.F."

Celebrating a birthday, Dawn Hochradel eats a donut.



Before weekend festivities begin, Suzanne Bastarache and Mandy Forsythe try to finish their homework.

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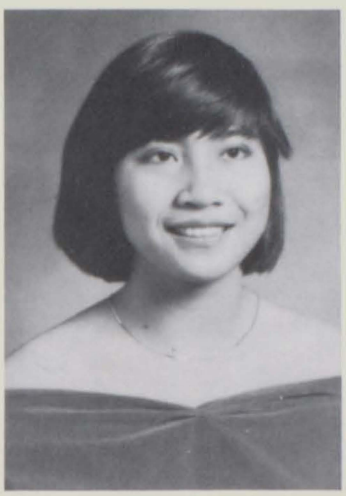
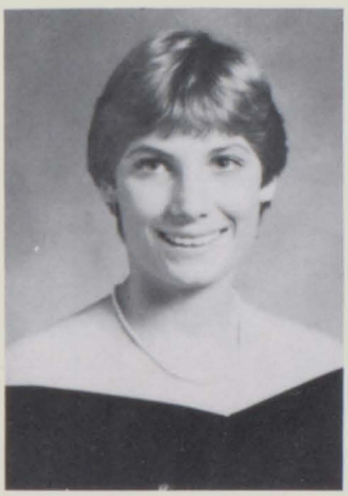
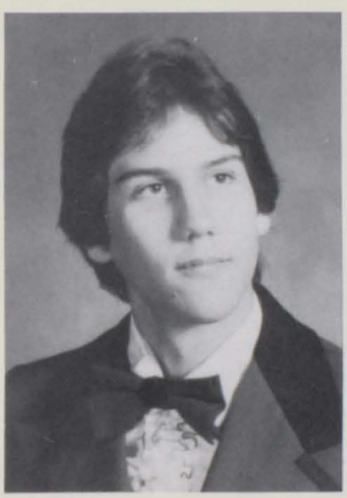
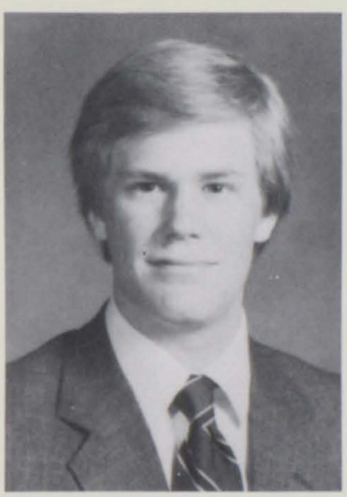
Thomas Schwind
Charles J. Shuster
Most Popular

Denise A. Shuster
Most Popular
Friendliest
Most School-Spirited
Kritika Sirichanya
Best Dressed
Lauri Ann Smith
Most Talkative

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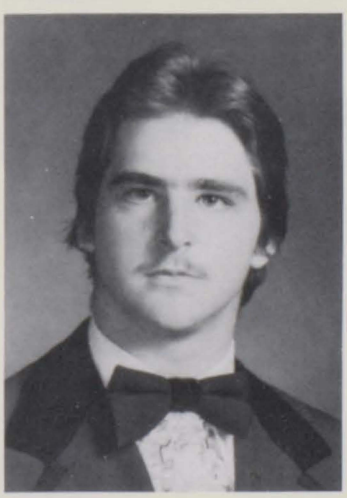
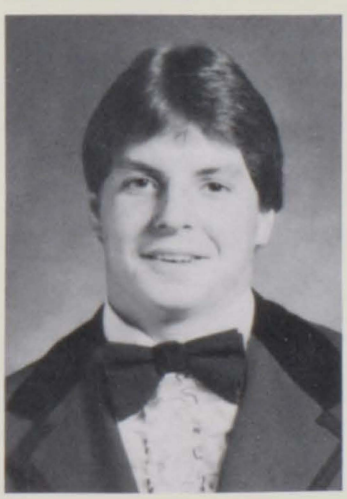
Michael G. Stevens
Best Dressed
David Dain Sulek

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Steven Swire
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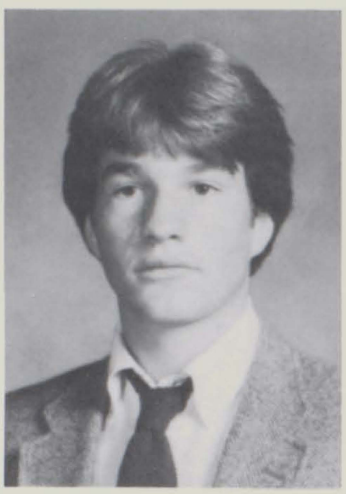
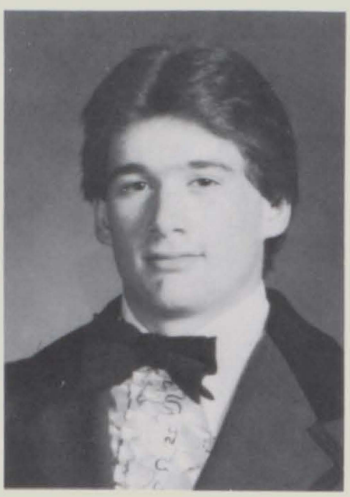
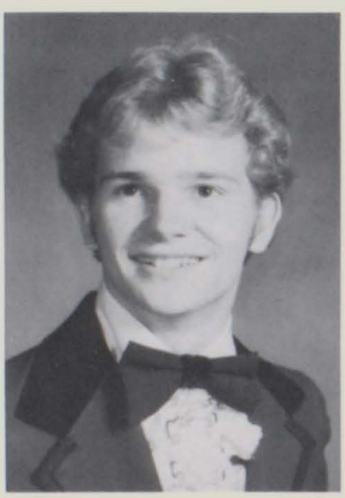
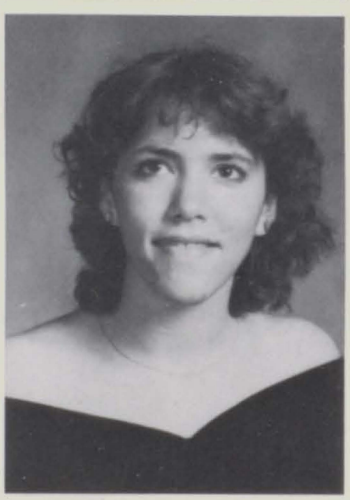
Brian P. Werner





David R. Wickersham
Karen Ann Wilder
Best Actress
Sachiko Willner
Sleepiest
Best Friends With
Dawn Hochradel





Michael J. Wojcik
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Best Friends With
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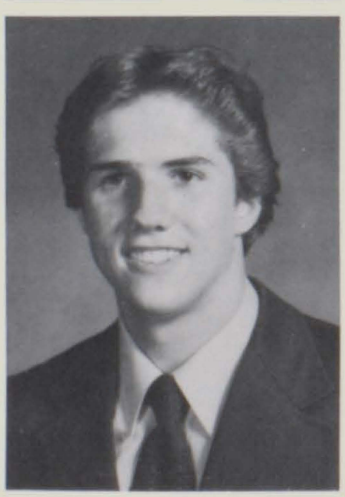
Lisa Marie Wolford
Karen P. Yamhure



FULL OF MISCHIEF

The seniors proved they were always up to something when the Celebration of Excellence assembly was announced. Seniors decided not to "dress up" for the affair. Instead, "many dressed down." Some of the more flashy items worn were polka-dotted underwear, long johns, and boxer shorts. A number of seniors looked like hippies from the 1960's. Ed Del Vecchio said, "I was involved. I loved it and it was great."

The senior class showed "class spirit" by pulling off the prank. At the Celebration of Excellence assembly they were perfect ladies and gentlemen.

Relaxing in a pumpkin patch sit the Homecoming Court: Debbie Allen, Mary Smolinski, Debbie Keay, and Denise Shuster.

With a "60's" look, Chris O'Keefe, Mike Stevens, and Jenny Levick model their Celebration of Excellence attire.

WITH TIME AND ENERGY TO SPARE

Besides attending school every day and meeting the demands of a rigorous schedule, many seniors reported to jobs after school and on weekends. They worked because they were bored or unchallenged. Better yet, they worked to make money!

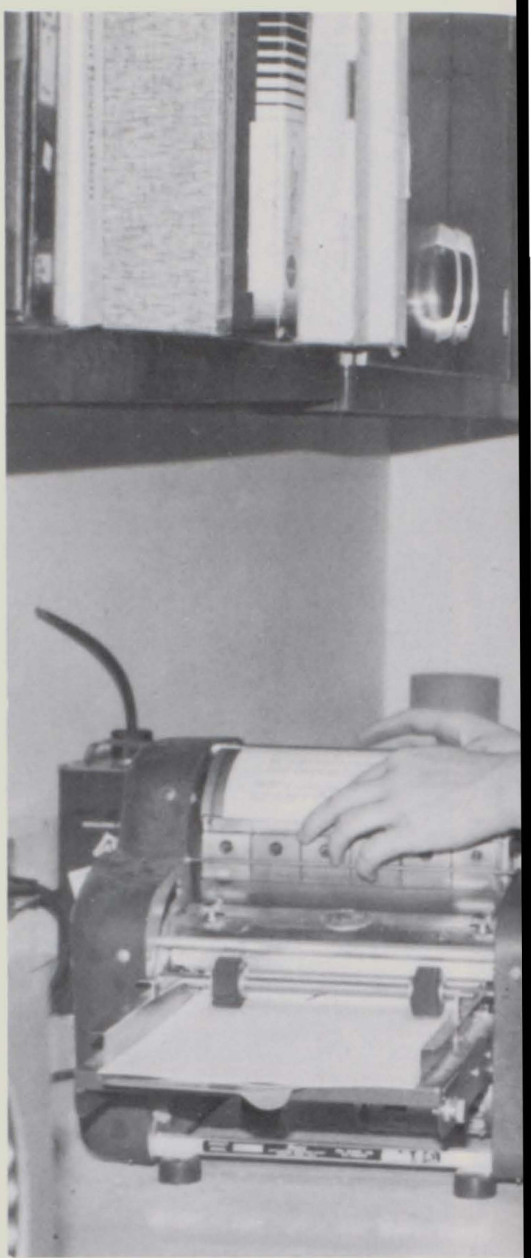
College-bound seniors realized the heavy burden expenses would place on their parents. By working, they were able to save tuition and spending money.

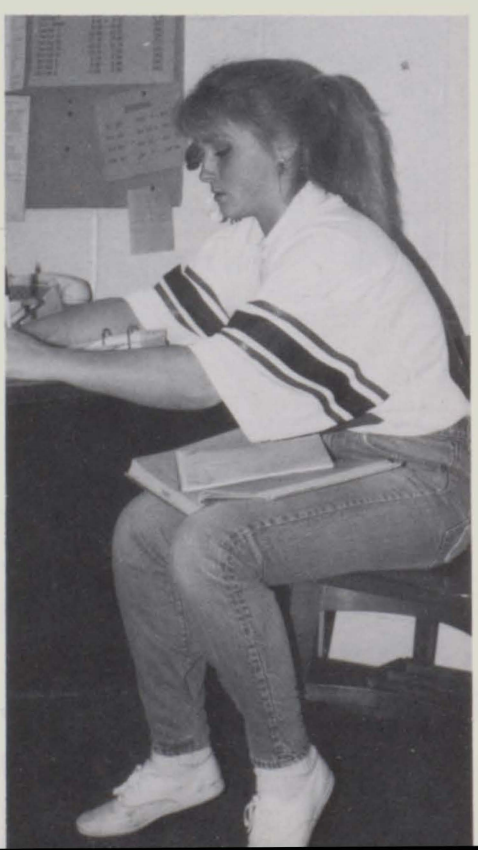
Anthony Meredith worked at Pier 1 Imports for six to eight hours a day, four days a week. He watered plants, fixed broken merchandise, and worked the cash register.

Gwen Wolford left school early to report to Don Beyer Volvo on Broad Street where she typed, answered phones, filed, and did "a little of everything." Her sister, Lisa, did the same kind of workat Matthews & Roby Law Office every weekday afternoon.

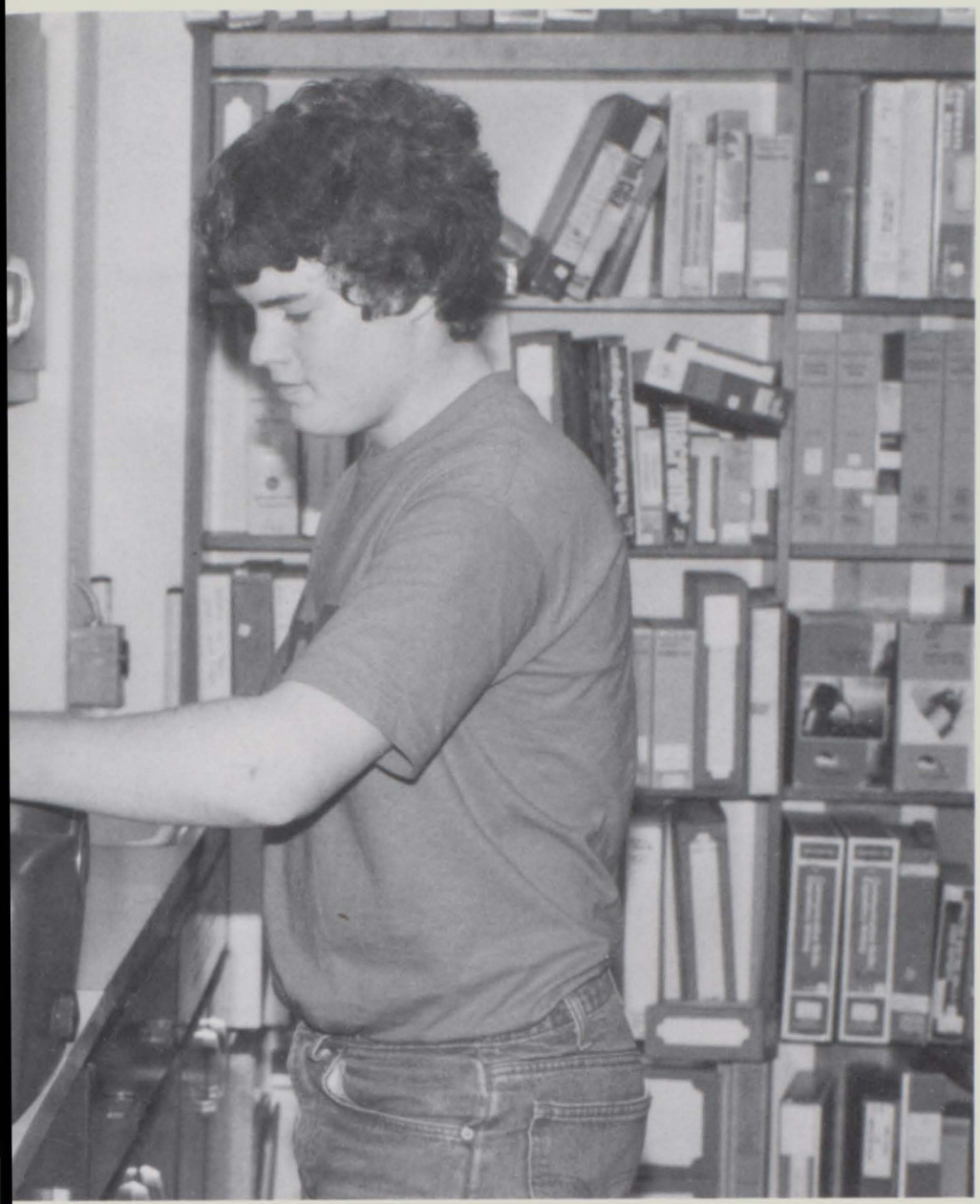
Some seniors opted to be office aides for a period during the school day. Jo Anne Crocker, a guidance office aide, xeroxed, delivered messages, and answered the phone. She enjoyed her assignment, "because you get to do different things instead of one thing all the time."

Between phone calls, office aide Jo Anne Crocker does her homework.





A middle school office aide, Susan Beeman writes down a message.



Using the rexograph machine, office aide Chris O'Keefe runs off a ditto.

Arm-in-arm, sisters Gwen and Lisa Wolford leave school to go to work.

At a "Seniors Only" assembly, students visit before Dr. Thoms arrives.

Moving up

Traditionally, underclassmen are symbols of growth and development, who discover just who they are during their high school years. George Mason's ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders advanced academically and socially this year. While senior Mustangs moved on, George Mason's underclassmen moved up.

Underclassmen constantly made decisions during the year. They realized some would affect their future lives. With the help and direction of the faculty, especially their guidance counselors and T.A.'s, underclassmen selected classes to take and clubs and teams to join. The 1983-84 year was challenging and productive for them.

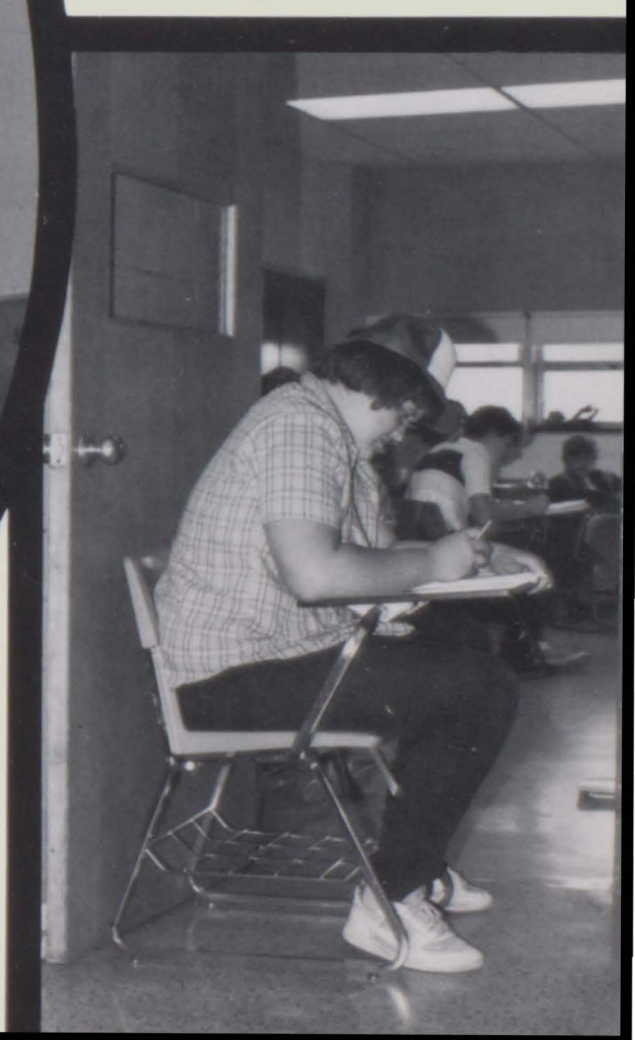
Energetic and enthusiastic, many underclassmen supported the athletic events and social-related activities. While enjoying each other's company, they, perhaps, envied the seniors. However, they realized that they would soon have their turn to move on.

Dressed up, Roger Camp, sophomore, models "his" emerald green prom dress, worn on Tacky-Punk Day during Homecoming Week.

With microphone in hand, junior varsity cheerleader Lara Brogdan, freshman, leads a cheer at the opening-day pep rally.

Going for the ball, freshmen Tuan Nguyen, Robert Horvath, and John Levick play soccer during Physical Education.

Sophomores Jane Arons and Tiffany Stilwell deliver carnations.



Guarding the door, sophomore Tim Burke takes a spelling test.

Wayne Alexander Albaugh
Elizabeth Susan Armstrong
Dean Allen Ballinger
Robert Bastarache

Christopher Thomas Behr
John William Bender
Bounthavy Bounvichit
Kelly Ann Brogdon

A GREAT BEGINNING

Like all Mustangs, the juniors sensed the excitement of the opening school week. 86 juniors reported to school, feeling very much at home. This year was their third to walk the halls of G.M.

Looking back, cheerleader Jeri Gibbon believed the best events of the school year were "the assemblies and the first welcome-back dance."

Juniors realized that in another year college applications and career plans would be realities. Chris Friend believed school work during his junior year was important because he said, "I want to go to a good college and do 'cool' in life!"

With all grades represented, students dance to disco music at the first school dance.

A winning dance couple, juniors Laura Jacomet and Peter Droujinsky end their dance.

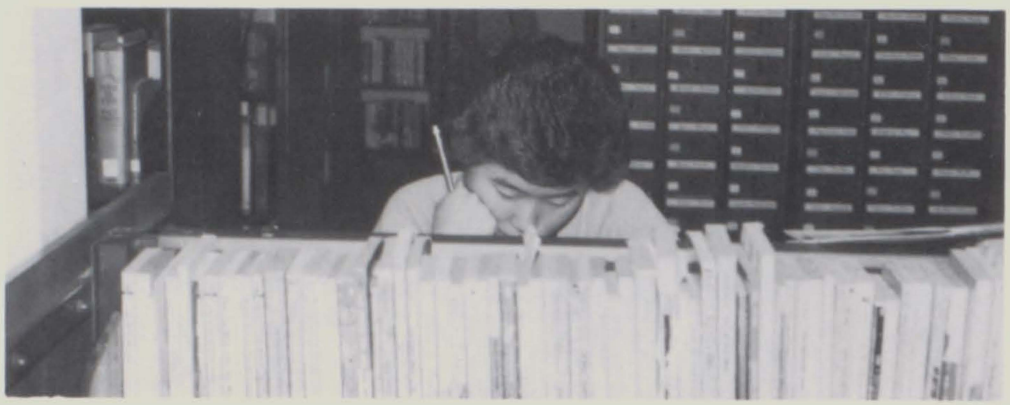
Christopher W. Buddendeck
Cynthia N. Byrd
Tania Eaton Carroll
Diane Renee Cavanaugh

Hyera Chang
Tuan Quang Chau
Martin Jessel Clarke
Neal Andrew Clinton

Karen Renee Cohen
James Andrew Condit
Debra Jenine Costner
Christopher Crabtree

Boarding the school van, junior Ellen Mittendorf reports for a Forensic meet.

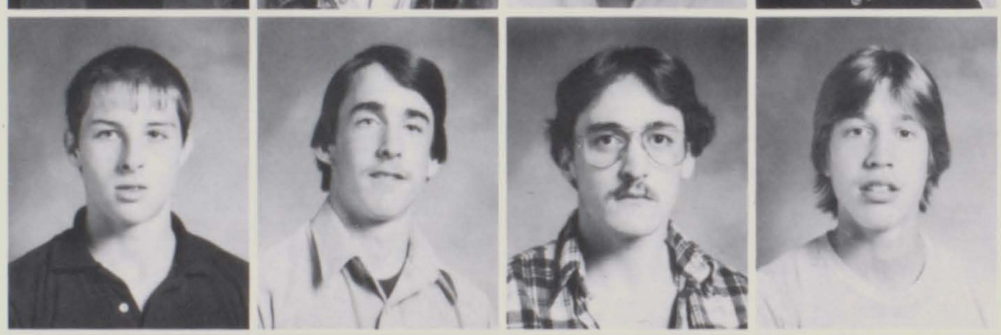
Full of enthusiasm, varsity cheerleader Jeri Gibbon, junior, leads a cheer at the first pep rally of the school year.



Reporting to the gymnasium, juniors sign in for Health Screening day.

Concentrating on her work, junior Hedda Chang researches a report topic.

Thomas Crossan
Joerg Mathias Dobisch
Anthony Edward Dorsey
John Edward Doty



Peter Droujinsky
Robert D. Dryden
David Barton English
Paul Andrew Ferrari

Dennis Christopher Friend
Jeffrey Allan Gall
Jeri Lynn Gibbon
Clara Barton Green

DEADLY DEAD – LINES

Sunken eyes and pale faces were good signs that Mustangs had spent a marathon night studying for exams, writing papers, or completing important projects. Just before each quarter ended, teachers seemed to pile the work on. For those students who inevitably waited until "the last minute," the pressure was on.

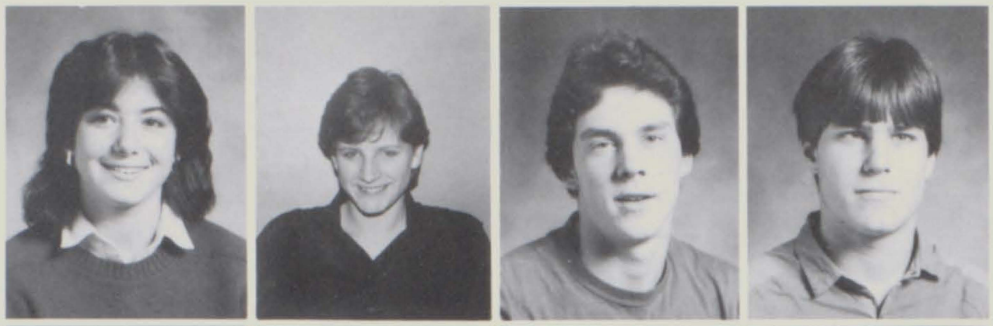
Students involved in extracurricular activities had to meet deadlines also. Club and team members had to respond to deadlines by turning in uniforms, handing in budgetary information, or signing up for activities. Students realized that by not meeting their deadlines, they and their fellow classmates suffered in the end.

Working hard to meet a deadline, junior Tracy Williams and senior Liesl Leach write captions for **Mustang** pictures.

Craig Scott Guido
Michael Harmuth
Gregory C. Huffman
Wayne A. Hunt

Kathleen Michele Jacomet
Laura Anne Jacomet
Michael Juliani
Jonathan Michael Kelley

Renee Philece Leavitt
Kimberly Mills Leddy
William Frank Lee
Jeffrey Russell Lenker



James K. Lewis
Jody Lynn Loggins
Donald John Lomis
Stephen C. Martin

During break, junior Holly Hoofnagle stops by her locker.

After school, sophomore Tiffany Stilwell and junior Robert Bastarache participate in a math meet.

At 7:55 a.m., senior David Atchison and junior Wayne Hunt report to Mr. Hoover's (Hogs) TA/Homeroom.

Kenneth Edward Massey
Mary Beth McWilliams
Samuel Hughes Melton
Ellen Marie Mittendorf

Shaun Fitzgerald Myers
Cristina Monica Naupari
Thuy Ngoc Nguyen
Mara Nicole Paukert

Rodney F. Phillips, Jr.
Elizabeth K. Pitera
John Ratliff
Karen Louise Seal

LIFE AFTER 3 P.M.

After putting in a full day at school, students spent their after-school hours in a variety of ways. There was always homework to be done, but many students found the time to do what they really wanted.

Andrea Wallace, junior, spent time on "**Tempo** and several other activities, including eating, watching T.V., and relaxing." Laura Jacomet, junior, said, "I used to like watching 'General Hospital,' but Luke and Laura are gone now." Freshman Eddie Klebau said, "I go to school sports."

After-school jobs consumed many students' hours after 3 p.m. Junior Thuy Nguyen worked at McDonald's as a cashier for $3.35 an hour, while junior Jeri Gibbon worked at Baskin-Robbins for $3.75 an hour. Robert Strain, junior, even held down two jobs.

Helping Ms. Pitera, junior Jeff Lenker looks up information.

For a boost of energy, junior Mary Jo Shannon snacks on a cookie, bought at a Keyette's bake sale.

In her dressing room, junior Catherine Caprio applies make-up for a one-act play.

At the lab table, juniors Nina Tosti and John Ratliff prepare an experiment.

Mary Jo Shannon
Mark David Sikkar
William E. Simko
Stephanie Diane Stephens

Robert C. Strain
Jane Sunderland
Michael Sean Thornton
Eileen Marie Tully

Andrea Louise Wallace
Tracy Coburn Williams
Linda Christine Young

TA/HOMEROOM TIME

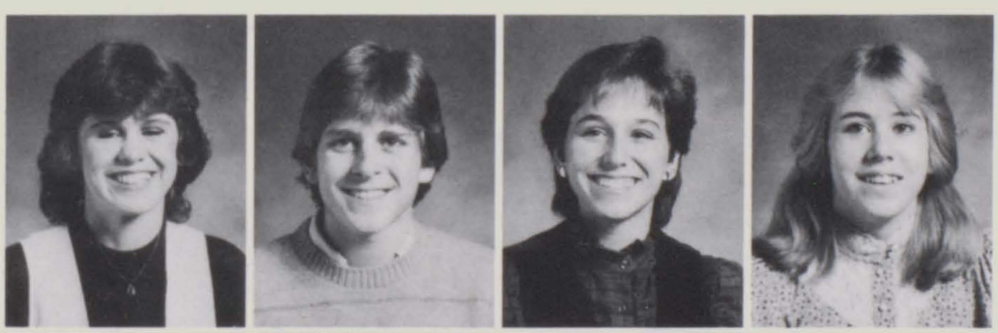
At 7:55 a.m. the bell rang for TA/Homeroom to begin. Attendance was taken and announcements were heard. For many students, TA/Homeroom was time to collect their thoughts; for other students, it was a seven-minute, relaxing block of time to visit with friends.

Every spring 9-12 students from all grades were assigned a TA. for the next year. The teacher advisor was responsible for calling parents about students' interim grades.

Sophomore Ingrid Engdahl said, "TA/Homeroom gives me time to do my homework." Junior John Bender believed he wasn't in it long enough to enjoy it. Junior Peter Droujinsky announced, "I enjoy annoying everyone in my TA/Homeroom."

During TA/Homeroom, junior Eileen Tully and sophomore Rosemarie Goebel help Dr. Thoms with Homecoming plans.

Considering a trip to Spain, Roger Camp, sophomore, Chris Behr, and Holly Hoofnagle, juniors, meet with Mr. Robert Snee.



Bridgette Jeanet Albaugh
Edward Alexander Arnold
Jane Rebekah Arons
Mary K. Ball

Toni Lynn Ballenger
Nicholas Anthony Bell
Elizabeth Lynn Bruffey
Michael John Buddenbeck

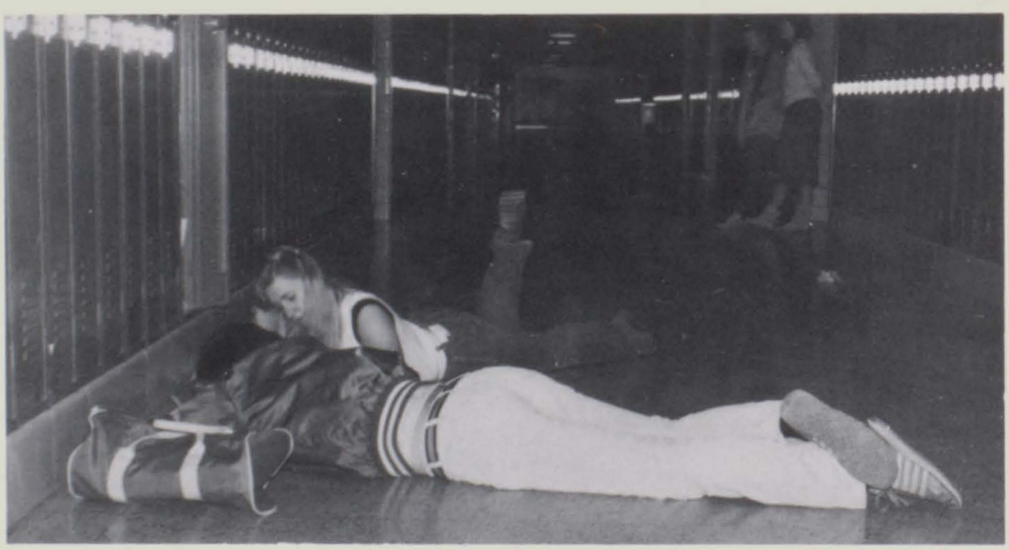
Timothy O. Burke, Jr.
Margaret Byrd
William J. Cameron, Jr.
John Roger Camp

Katherine S. Cerstuik
Sharon Louise Chase
Joseph Merritt Cheek
Charles J. Cliff III

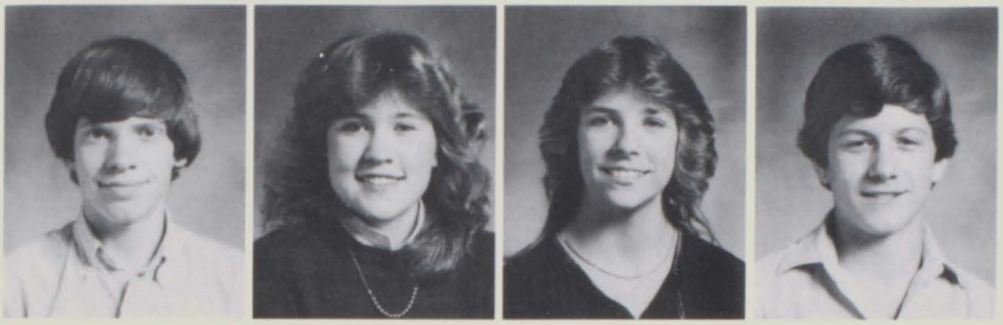
Moving with the flow, students head for class.

Wearing protective clothing, Alan Singleton and Roger Camp set up an experiment.

Stretched out on the floor, sophomores Tammy McCormack and Chris Iodice study.



Andrew Robert Condit
Shawn Loren Dickerson
Joan M. Earman
Ingrid L. Engdahl



Andrew John Feltman
Amanda Ann Forsythe
Rosemarie Frances Goebel
David Shane Gray

FROM HERE TO THERE

Most Mustangs lived fairly close to school. Transportation to and from school was not a major problem, except for tuition-paying students who lived outside of Falls Church.

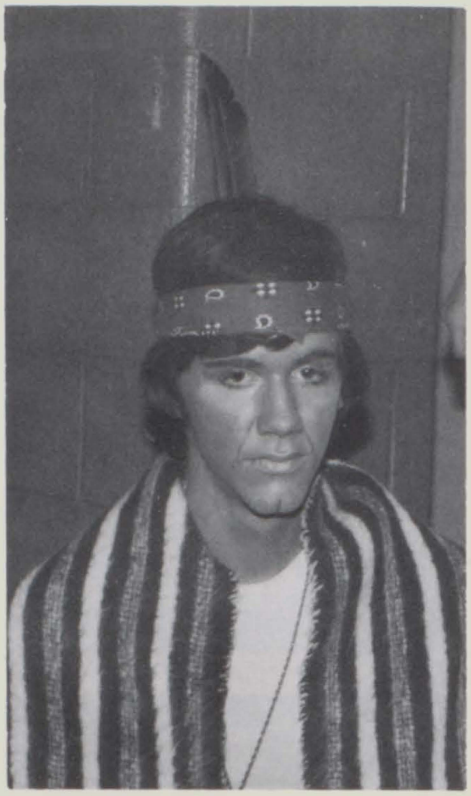
Some students walked or rode a bike, but most students arrived at school by some "set of wheels." Starting at 7:30 a.m., cars and school buses arrived to dispatch students, and at 2:45 returned to pick them up.

A number of lucky students were "chauffeured" by a parent or neighbor. Ingrid Engdahl, sophomore, said her arrangement was "fine." She was driven to school by her mother, but was bused home. Susie Jacomet, sophomore, felt fortunate to be driven to school by her older twin sisters.

Raising his head, sophomore Nicky Bell prepares to answer a question in English.

With a few minutes to spare before class begins, sophomore Margaret Byrd relates a story to her classmates.

Wearing an Indian feather, sophomore Andrew Smith waits to perform.



Waiting to cheer, varsity cheerleader Mandy Forsythe, sophomore, stands with other cheerleaders and Tamara Droujinsky.

Hooking up their equipment, sophomores Andrew Feltman and C.J. Cliff prepare to practice "It's Academic."

James Christopher Iodice
Susan Marie Jacomet
Amy Katherine Johnson
William V. Kenestrick

David James Lomis
Colin B. Maclaren
Bick Dao Mai
Jefferson Hayes Miers

Arriving to school late, sophomore Michele Sayre signs in.

THE BROKEN SILENCE

The class is quiet; the teacher is lecturing. Suddenly a stomach growls, signifying that it must be time for break or lunch. Who needed a clock?

After period 2, students looked forward to 9 minutes of break. Many headed straight for their lockers where they had tucked away snacks that morning. Others headed for the cafeteria.

Students were assigned one of three lunch periods, beginning at 11:36 a.m. and ending at 1:05 p.m.

As for cafeteria food, sophomore Tiffany Stilwell said, "It's nice to look at, but I never eat it." Jeff Gould, junior, said spaghetti was his favorite. Macaroni-and-cheese, chicken, and tacos were "hot" items.

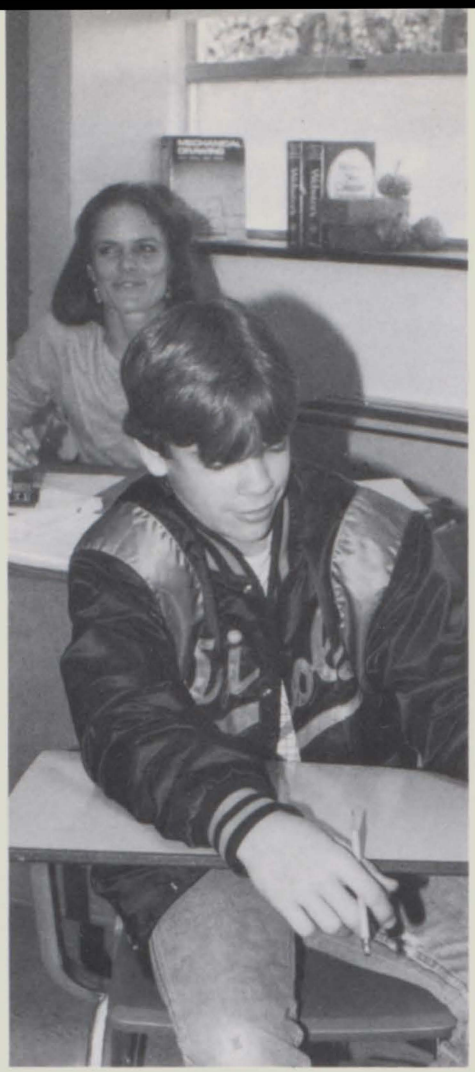
Enjoying the Celebration of Excellence assembly, students applaud the speaker.

Donald C. Montag, Jr.
Kevin Richard Morde
Brooke C. Ogletree
Deborah A. Pastelnick

Robert A. Petersen, Jr.
Donna Lee Robison
Gloria Lynne Robison
Tracy Leigh Rudd

On the bench, sophomores Debbie Pastelnick, Bridgette Albaugh, and Lisa Bruffey relax during break.

With pencil in hand, sophomore David Schleeper prepares to take Ms. Stuckey's English test.



Leslie C. Saul
Michele R. Sayre
Susan Paula Schick
David W. Schleeper

Elinor M. Scully
Joanne Sheftic
Carrie E. Sherburne
Michelle J. Shuster

Alan C. Singleton
Bobby Joe Small
Andrew P. Smith
Deron C. Smith

STUDYING PAYS OFF

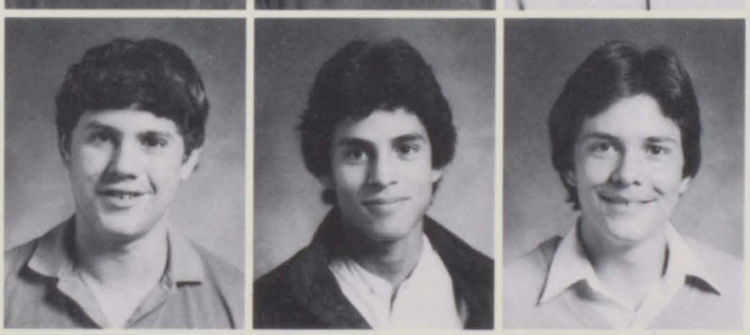
Out of sixteen inductees to the National Honor Society on December 7th, four were proud sophomores. Andrew Feltman, Mandy Forsythe, Elinor Scully, and John Steinbock were rewarded for maintaining a high scholastic average, while at the same time getting involved in school activities.

The GM Chapter, sponsored by Ms. Nancy DePasquale, has been active since 1953. The candle-lighting ceremony was a meaningful event for these sophomores. Andy Feltman said, "It is an honor to be recognized for my academic performance."

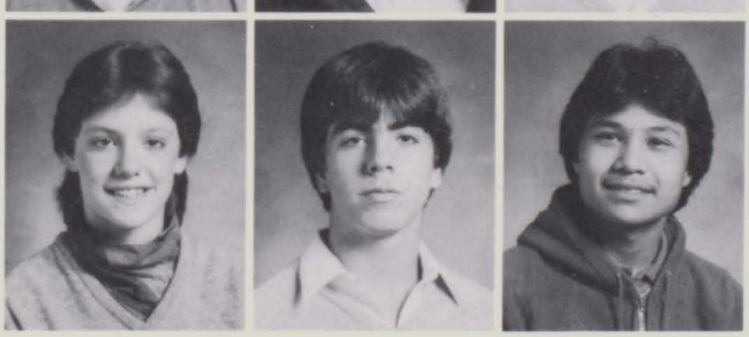
Dr. Robertson, Grade Adviser, described the sophomore class in general as, "motivated for high achievement with a strong sense of school spirit." Elinor Scully felt it was "easier this year to meet more people and be more involved in activities."

Meeting with the NHS members, Ms. Nancy DePasquale, sponsor, discusses the initiation of new members.

Robert M. Snead
Tiffany H. Stilwell
John Steinbock



Joseph L. Trombo
Herrera Villasmil
Scott L. Whitaker



Kimberly A. White
Richard Williamson, Jr.
Andrew L. Zorrilla

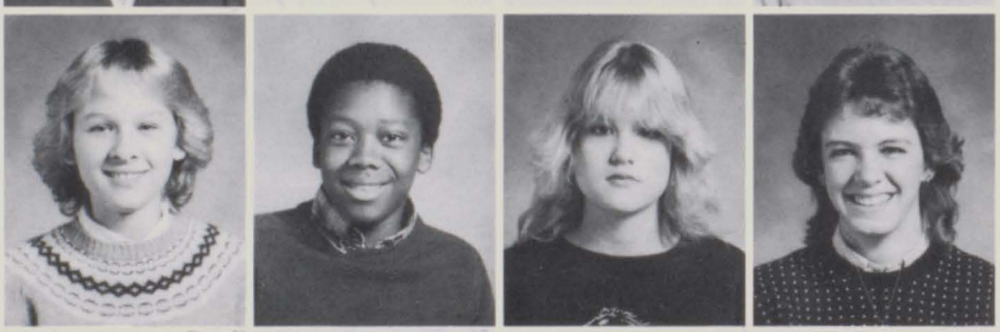
Exercising outside, freshmen Lara Brogdon, Clyde Bryant, and Matt McKenzie do jumping jacks.

During half time, junior varsity cheerleader Kelli Smith, freshman, awaits the next cheer.

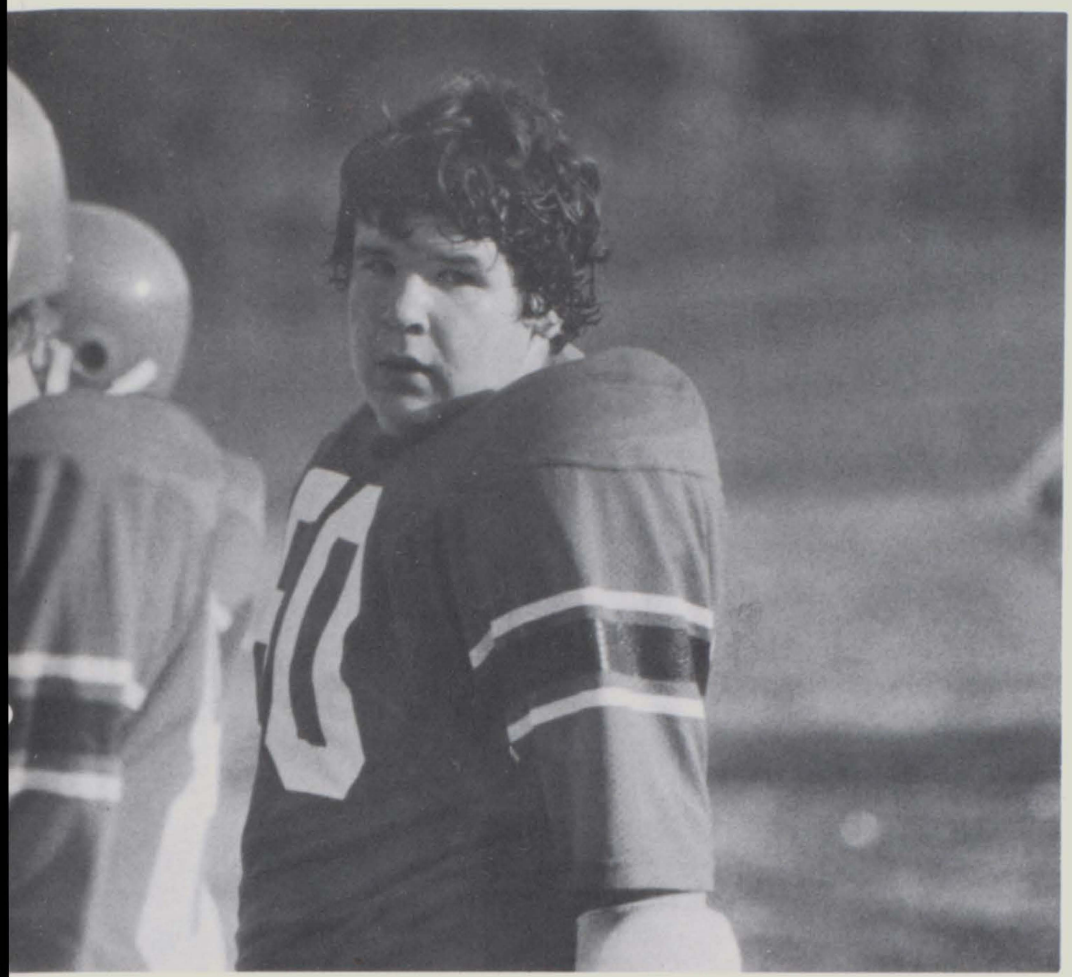
With helmet removed, junior varsity football player Ricky Allen relaxes.

Richard Todd Allen
Corinne Louise Barker
David B. Birindelli
Shelley Jo Black

Loretta Janene Brogdan
Ricardo Antonio Brown
Michelle Renee Bruffey
Tammy Sue Brumm



Clyde G. Bryant III
Kristina Ann Bryant
Edwin Antonio Burgos
Barbara Ann Buzzerd



ON THE MOVE

If a prize had been awarded to the largest class, the 94 freshmen would have won it. According to Mr. Richard Trimble, grade advisor, they were "above average in academics." Freshmen felt very much at home at G.M., walking the halls and getting involved in a number of activities.

Many freshmen realized the importance of getting involved immediately in school sports. Despite putting in a full day of seven periods of classes, they had energy left to play ball or cheer their teammates on. When asked what they enjoyed most about their year, Kelli Smith said, "Cheerleading!" and Dianna Shearer answered, "J.V. Basketball."

Jennifer Lynn Cannon
Ann-Marie Carrington
Charles M. Castevens IV
Cristina Clohan

April Christine Cole
Jennifer Lee Conway
Keith N. Conyers
Brad D. Craun

Erin Eileen Crowley
Mark A. Dallesandro
Ursula M. Del Vecchio
George E. Denekas

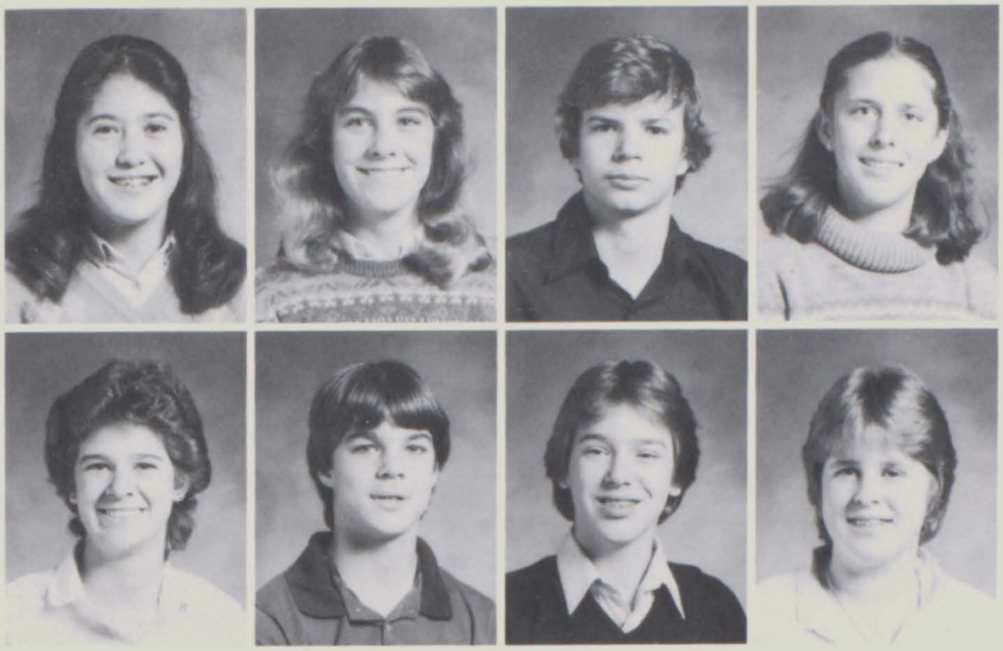
John Richard Dunn
Eric Lee Freeman
Edward K. Friend
Courtney Gallagher

Kristin Louise Garretson
Susan Massey Greenleaf
David Gerald Griffin
Susan Cordia Halebsky

Reed Gerald Hoofnagle
Robert Attila Horvath
Edmund J. Ignacio
Christopher R. Jackson

At the Celebration of Excellence assembly, underclassmen listen to Dr. Terrel Bell speak.

At the round table, freshmen Cristina Clohan and Eddie Mack proofread his paper.



Mary O. Jordan
Karen Janice Kinsella
Edwin Carl Klebau III
Elizabeth North Lee

Rachel Ann Lee
Michael Walter Lenker
John Harkness Levick
Sharon Marie Lewis

BEYOND THE THREE R'S

G.M. offered instruction in the basics, but it also offered instruction and training outside the traditional "four walls." Mr. Karl Hollander took his students outside to paint landscape. Mr. John Ballou trained student photographers all over the school grounds.

If freshmen wanted to get involved in school activities and productions, they had many opportunities to do so. While learning, they had a lot of fun, discovering what life in high school was like. When asked why school was important, freshman Cori Barker said, "So I can get somewhere, get a job, and be successful."

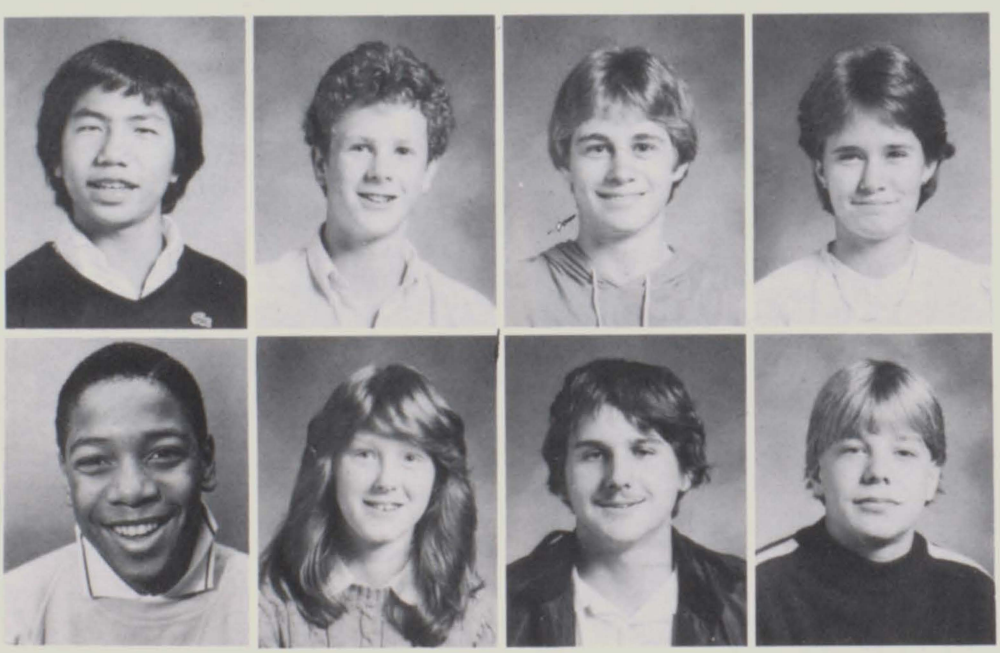
Freshman Robert Hoover demonstrates how to make a dessert in Speech class.

In charge of lights, freshman Reed Hoofnagle waits for the plays to begin.

At the orchestral bells, freshman Barbara Perry performs in Band.

With time for thought, freshmen Karen Kinsella and Tammy Brumm meditate in class.

Feeling free, freshman Joey Ritenour stretches out his arms during half time.



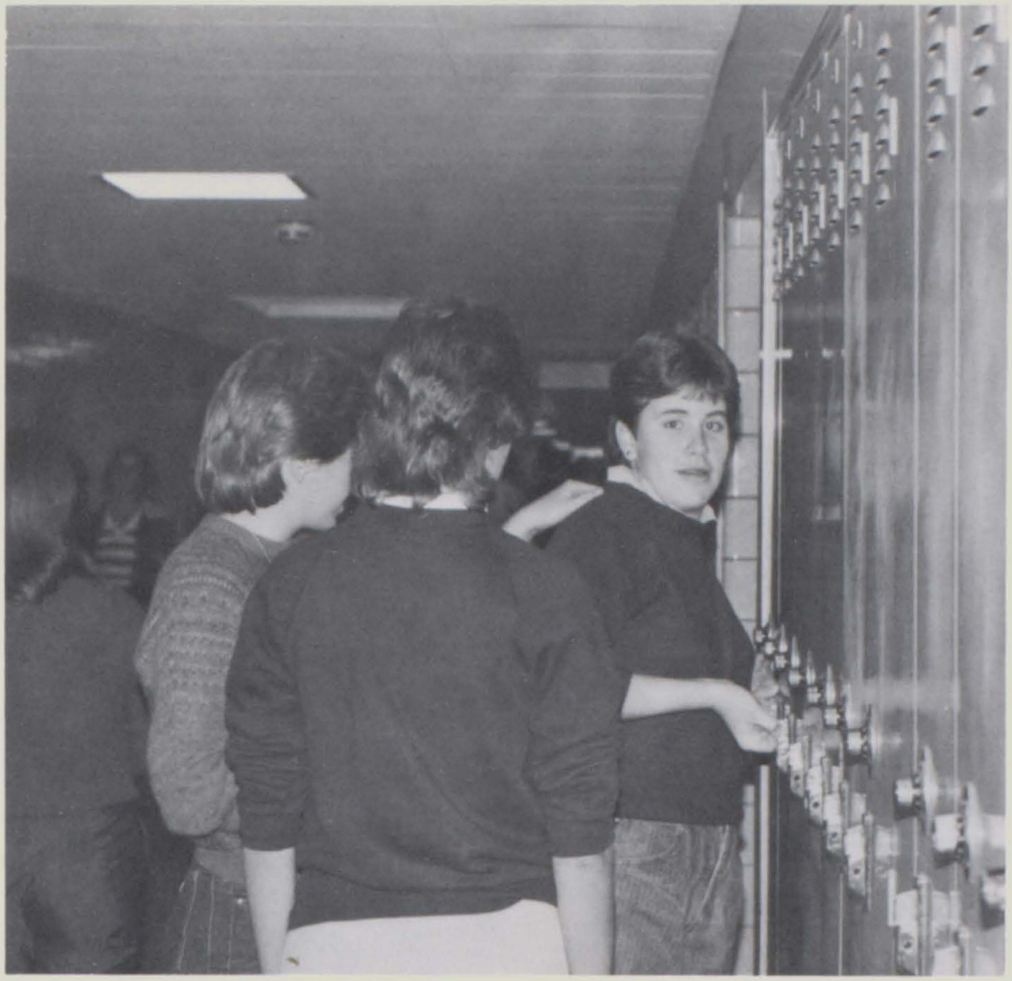
Paul Tcheng Lin
Kevin Alan Lock
Edward John Mack
Cynthia Rae Mallon

Joseph Marshall III
Debra Marie Martin
Webster D. McCracken
Matthew P. McCullough

TOGETHER FOREVER

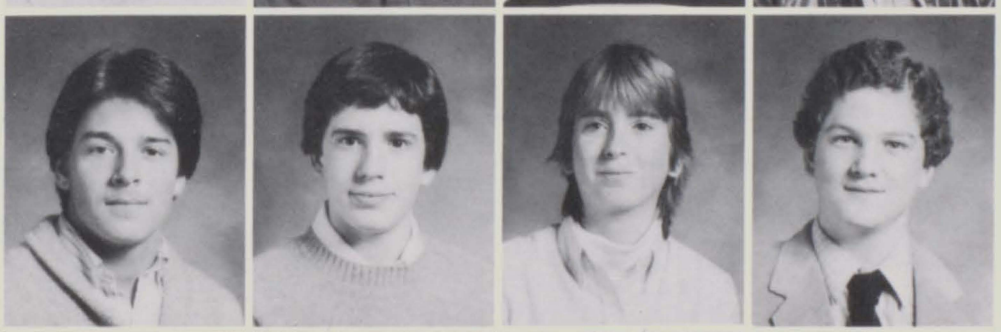
Two words that went together were "freshmen" and "friendly." Many ninth graders had been together throughout their elementary and middle school years. By the time they entered ninth grade, they knew each other very well.

Freshmen also had opportunities to meet upperclassmen and make new friends, but there was always that one very special person or best friend to turn to and to look forward to seeing every day. Freshman Susan Greenleaf said, "School is important because I get to see my friends and learn." Erin Crowley, freshman, believed G.M. was a "friendly school."



With her friends, freshman Erin Crowley stops by her locker on the way to class.

Daniel Paul McHugh
Matthew K. McKenzie
John Howard Melton
Hugo E. Mendoza



Derek Dolan Moss
Christopher D. Murr
Jean Frances Myers
Steven G. Newlove

Tuan Anh Nguyen
Mark John O'Dowd
Terrence O'Grady
Kevin Rafael Parra

"It gives you harder work, so you can learn more."
— Ann-Marie Carrington

At the end of the period, freshman Judy Sunderland finishes her classwork in Pre-IB Western Civilization.

Kyra J. Paukert
Barbara Ann Perry
John David Pickett
Christopher Repass

Etta Marie Reyes
Joey L. Ritenour
Cynthia S. Rodriguez
Gustav Scott Schick

Kenneth D. Schmugge
Clare Eileen Shannon
Dianna M. Shearer
Christina A. Sikkar

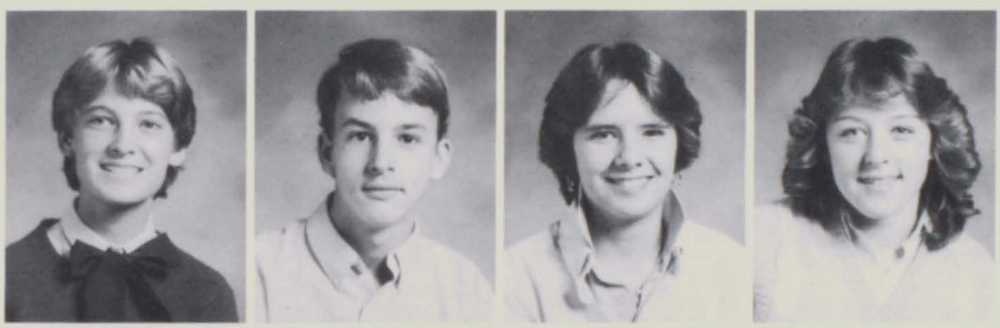
Durudee Sirichanya
Barbara Ann Sisler
Stephen L. Sisler

ACCEPTING CHALLENGES

For those capable freshmen who asked for "More work, please," G.M. offered intellectually stimulating, advanced-placement classes in science, math, and social studies.

By taking Pre-IB Western Civilization, freshmen prepared for IB Western Area Studies and 20th Century World History in their junior and senior years, respectively. Students read difficult textbooks, wrote term papers, and participated in sophisticated discussions. Tammy Brumm felt the Pre-IB class was "interesting, challenging, and great." Mary Jordan said, "I like the subject and we have a great class."

Concentrating on her work, freshman Mary Jordan outlines a chapter in her book.



Kelli Lee Smith
Matthew E. Smoot
Jennifer L. Stevens
Michelle E. Strite

Thomas F. Sulek
Judith Sunderland
Tran Anh Thu
Quang Tran

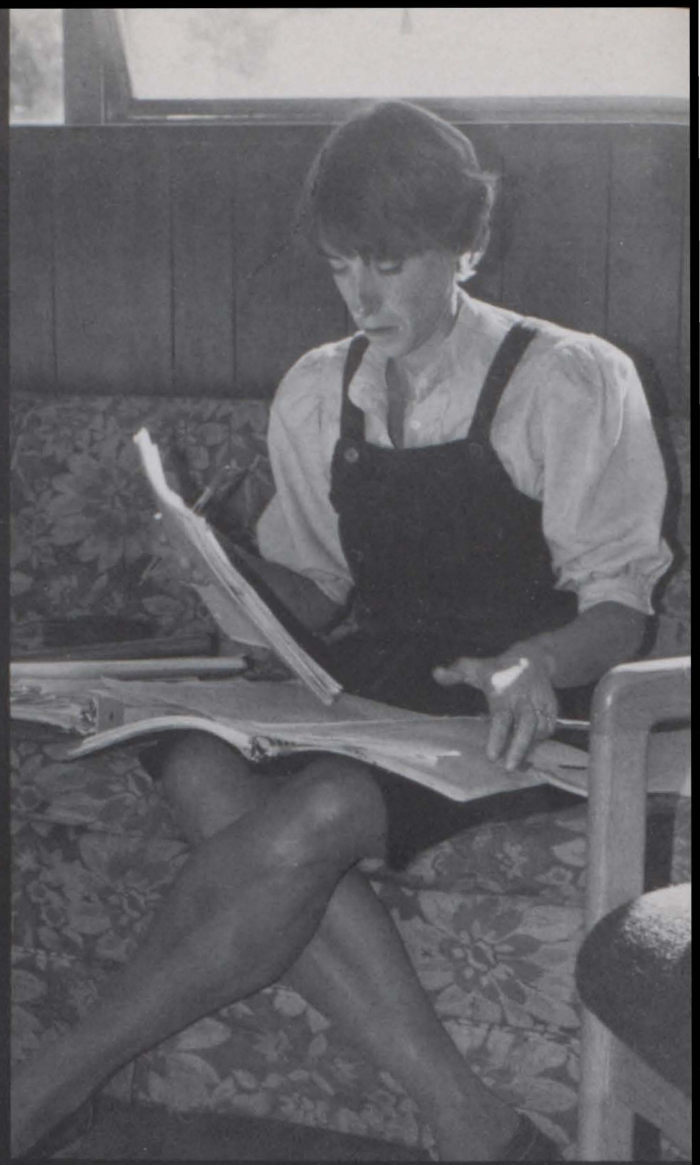
Debra Kay Trippett
Tracy Ann Twomey
Anthony J. Whitman
Edward W. Wigler

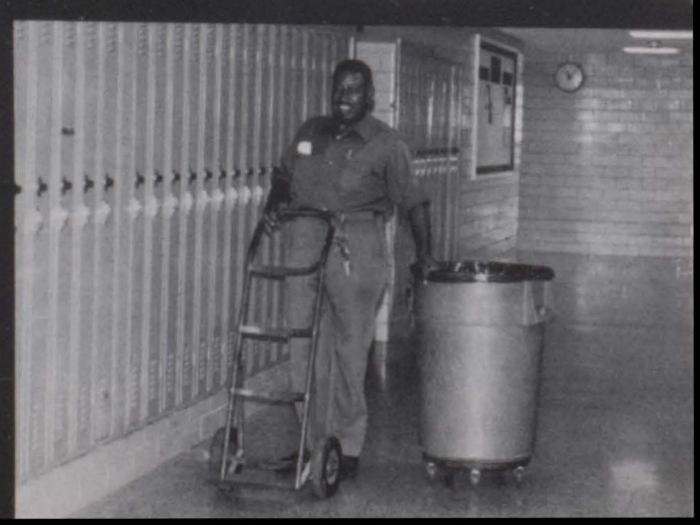
Moving with us

G.M.'s faculty and administration were helpful and understanding. They created a challenging, academic environment that encouraged students to assume responsibility for what direction their lives were taking. Instead of moving against their students, they moved with them.

Throughout the year, they proved to be dedicated and eager to help. They arrived early; they stayed late. By providing extra help before and after school, during break or lunch, they showed their concern for the individual student's progress and well-being.

Teaching was more to them than just being there for classes. They got involved in school activities; they sponsored clubs and coached teams. By becoming well-acquainted with their students, the teachers and administrators showed interest in the students' future plans and dreams.





Skipping lunch, Ms. Barbara Bussey grades her math students' papers.

Before first period begins, Ms. Donna Utterback, attendance secretary, and Mr. Karl Hollander exchange stories.

After school, Mr. Lewis Aylor, assistant head custodian, goes toward his office.

With a hat and carnations, Dr. George Thoms shows school pride.

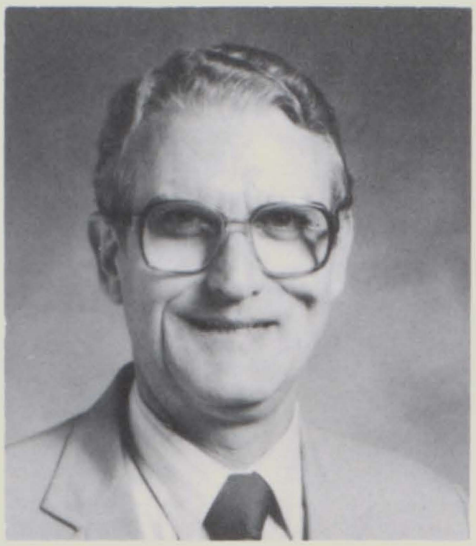
Upon arriving at school, Ms. Carol Cofey checks her mailbox.

A DISTINGUISHED STAFF

Not only did G.M.'s students receive numerous awards throughout the year; its administration and faculty received outstanding praise as well. The exemplary status was bestowed upon George Mason partially because of the staff's commitment to education. The outstanding staff provided students with the orderly, disciplined environment necessary for learning to take place.

At the Celebration of Excellence televised assembly, Dr. Terrel Bell, U.S. Secretary of Education, presented the exemplary plaque to Mr. C.S. Rockwell and Ms. Joyce Lowry, the two teachers who had accrued the most service years as G.M. teachers and, therefore, were selected to represent the faculty.

Upon receiving the award, Mr. Rockwell said, "We members of the community, students, staff, and administration helped earn this award, and we should feel proud to accept it."



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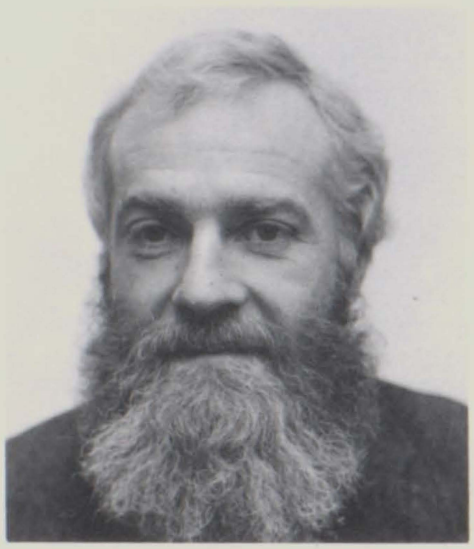

George H. Thoms
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Middle School Principal
Director of Instruction

Joan Tannenbaum
Admin. Assistant
Tchr. — Latin, Anthro.

Standing proudly, Ms. Joyce Lowry and Mr. C.S. Rockwell accept the exemplary plaque from Dr. T.H. Bell.

Hard at work, Mr. John Ballou dismantles the one-act plays' stage props.

During break, senior Edith Bridge and Mr. Steven Klass discuss literature.

Marguerite D. Albert — Social Studies 8, English 7
Gregory Alexiou — Math 8, Science 8, Theory of Knowledge
Ileana E. Alim — French
John David Ballou — M.S. Communications, M.S. Art

Frank Barr — Middle School Mathematics
Mable Bradd — Physical Education
Roger C. Bratton — Data Processing
Alice Brubaker — Guidance Secretary

Carol Cofey — Speech & Hearing — Language Pathologist, ESL Coordinator
Milton Davis — English 7-12
Betty-Jo Dawkins — English, Reading Specialist
Nancy DePasquale — Librarian

Michael T. Driscoll — Mathematics, Computer Science, Business Exploration
Carol Fellman — Middle School and Director of Instruction Secretary
Jack Gambill — Physical Education
Marian M. Gillen — Biology, Physical Science, General Science

During first period, Ms. Juanita Whittaker and Ms. Pat Ryan visit in the office.

Alan N. Graham — Ind. Arts, Mathematics
Sue Graves — Nurse
Beverly Hall — Finance Secretary
Lindy Hockenberry — Mathematics 6

Karl H. Hollander — Art & Music Dept. Chairperson, Art 6-12
Michael Hoover — English, Journalism
Robin Hopes — Resource
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Steven J. Klass — English
Alan K. Krueger — IB Biology, Science 7
Phillip R. Lindsey — Guidance Counselor
Joyce J. Lowry — Vocational Ed. Dept. Chairperson, Typewriting, Office Tech.

Jenna Miller — Home Economics
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Tamara Basham O'Neill — Language Arts, Life Skills
M. Beth Orloff — Resource Individualized Instruction

Valerie Picini — Chorus
Betty Pitera — Library Secretary
C.S. Rockwell — Math Dept. Chairperson, Algebra, Int. Math, Calculus
Pat Ryan — Secretary to Principal

TEACHERS JOIN IN

The students organized a week of Homecoming events, but they weren't the only ones who participated in them. Some of G.M.'s "fashion-conscious" teachers decided to dress up along with the students.

Ms. Nancy Williamson, who was in charge of the week's activities, wore her overalls and a hat on "Hat and Overalls Day" on October 13th. Ms. Williamson said, "I think the students had a lot of fun. I had a lot of fun!"

On Tacky-Punk Day, October 12th, Mr. Steven Klass wore a narrow pink tie and red-and-black camouflage shades, which were souvenirs from New York City.

Dr. George Thoms donned a Mustang hat to show school spirit.

During Homecoming week, Ms. Nancy Williamson models her overalls.

Richard Sanders — Counselor, D.P. Director
Margaret Sanders Schorr — Paraprofessional
Harry J. Shovlin — Science 6
Arnold Siegfried — Director of Athletics

James S. Spirodopoulos — Health & Physical Education
Sharon Still — Band
Barbara Stuckey — English
Mary Lee Tatum — Family Life, Sex Education, General Science

Nancy L. Tucker — English
Donna Utterback — Secretary of Attendance, Assistant to Principal
Judie Vartian — Shorthand, Accounting, Word Processing
Bonnie Whiting — Computer Operator

Juanita Whittaker — Paraprofessional
Mary Beth Williams, ACSW, LCSW — School Social Worker
Nancy Williamson — Geometry, Alg., Trig.
Sue Wilson — Voc. Home Economics

IN MEMORIAM

Joe was young in years but strong in character. He was an idealist and an achiever. He was a good student and a good athlete. He enjoyed competition, but was not obsessed with winning. Above all, he was a good friend — warm, gentle, caring, and giving. We will remember him as a symbol of goodness, kindness, honor, and strength. His spirit will forever remain in our hearts and memories.

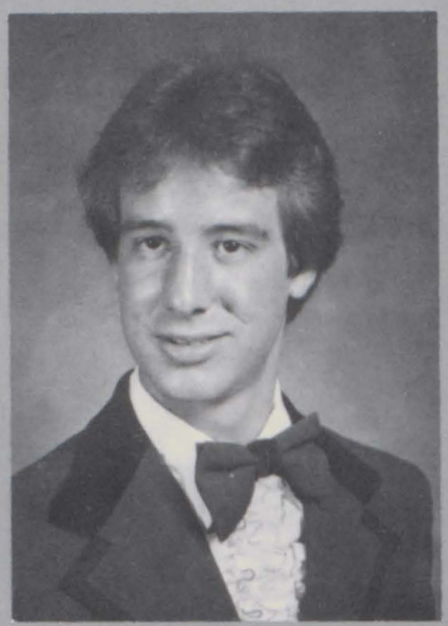
— As written by Joe's sisters, Theresa and Catherine Ann Maybury, for his Memorial Service, held at St. James Church on September 8th, 1983.

Shall I complain
How swift you passed?
Could I regret the widened heart?
Could I complain of it at all?

— Anonymous, from **Blessings** by Mary Craig

Joseph Thomas Maybury

1964 — 1983



Some people strengthen the society just be being the kind of people they are.

— John W. Gardner

I remember in this solemn hour, beloved child, the many joys you afforded me during your lifetime. I recall the days when I delighted in your physical and mental growth, and planned for your future. Though death has taken you from me, you are not forgotten. Your spirit is enshrined in my heart.

O heavenly Father, I thank Thee for the precious gift which Thou didst entrust to my keeping, and which in Thine infinite wisdom Thou hast called back unto Thyself. Many were the joys and blessings that John brought into my household. Teach me to live more nobly and to extend my love and devotion to other children in thankfulness for the privilege of having had and loved this child.

Amen.

— From the **High Holiday Prayer Book,** as read during John's Memorial Service by his mother at the Falls Church Presbyterian Church on September 24th, 1983.

John David Karnis

1960 — 1983

The only true motivation is self-motivation.

— Paul Karnis

The **Mustang** staff would like to thank G.M.'s entire staff and student body for their cooperation and time. Special thanks go to the following **Mustang** friends: Buddy Buzzerd, Ms. Carol Cofey, Ms. Betty-Jo Dawkins, Tom Fry, Ms. Bev Hall, Mr. Michael Hoover, Tom Karnis, Ms. Jean McGuire-Robb, Rod McLeod, Mr. Frank Sheedy, Mr. Anrold Siegfried.

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Dear Debbie,
Congratulations!
Just as there are other beaches to explore, there are more shells to find.
This is only a beginning, but this is it.
Love,
Mom

Enjoying his sabbatical, Mr. Charles Harold takes a summer of '83 boat ride.

Signing in at the office, junior Robert Strain returns to school from his job at the Exxon Station. Robert also is a volunteer fireman at the Dunn Loring Fire Station.

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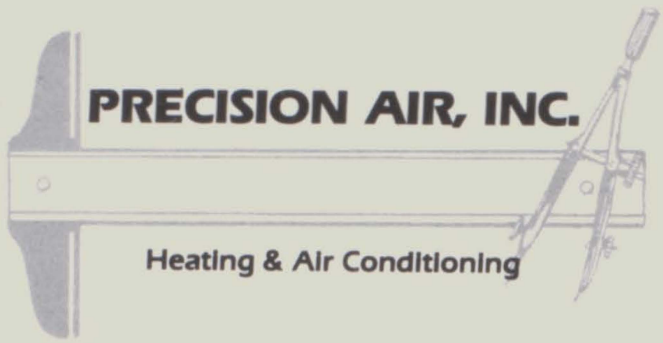

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Love, Mom and Dad

You can do it, Jon!
Love, Mom and Dad

Roses are red, grass is green
Mrs. W. said to keep it clean!
Lustfully yours, The Wubblewoo T.A.

Hoover's Hogs Say
Go For It, Seniors!

For Chris and Ed we give a cheer,
You've had a very special year!
Now and always, this is true:
We're proud of you and love you too!
Dad and Gloria

Dear Graduates,
Keep moving in the right direction!
Love, Mrs. Tucker and **Mustang** Staff

Dear Graduates,
Make us proud of you. Go for the gold!
Dr. Thoms' T.A. Group

To Bo
The last of us!
Way to go!
Love, Judy and Vicky

To All Graduates,
Be proud! Be happy!
Mr. Kalepp

Dear Graduates, Congratulations!
Best wishes from each of us.
Mrs. Lowry's T.A.

Dear Lynn, Barette, Amy, and Karen,
Congrats! Best of luck!
Love, Snee's T.A.

To the Class of 1984,
Good Luck From All of Us!
Ms. T.'s T.A.

To the Graduates of 1984,
If you fill your heart with love,
there'll be no room for fear.
Love, Ms. T.

To the Graduates from the ESL Students:

そつぎょう おめでとう ございます、
Meilleurs voeux à la classe de '84!
Los mejores deseos para la clase del '84!
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Nhưng lời chúc tốt nhứt cho niên khoá 84!
Bästa lyckönskningar till 1984 studenterna.
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Seniors Debbie Keay and Brian Werner engage in a class discussion in their Author's course.

Band — Front Row: Ann-Marie Carrington, Kim Douglas, Elizabeth Lee, Debbie Trippett, Kim Moore. **Back Row:** Ms. Sharon Still (Teacher), Kevin Parra, Cori Barker, Dan Grande, Barbara Perry, Kelli Smith, Andrew Smith.

Computer Club — Front Row: Robert Salsbury. **Second Row:** Charles Castevans, Chris Whitman. **Third Row:** Robby Hoover, Munsey Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez. **Back Row:** Mike Cigledy, C.J. Cliff, Chris Sinopolis.

Moving together

The year went smoothly for the students and staff. Everyone had a purpose; everyone had a direction. Being called "exemplary" had a positive effect on the school. Freshman Tammy Brumm wrote in an "A" English paper, "Most of the students are proud that they can say they go to George Mason ... Many teachers expect a lot of students because they think the school's status must be upheld."

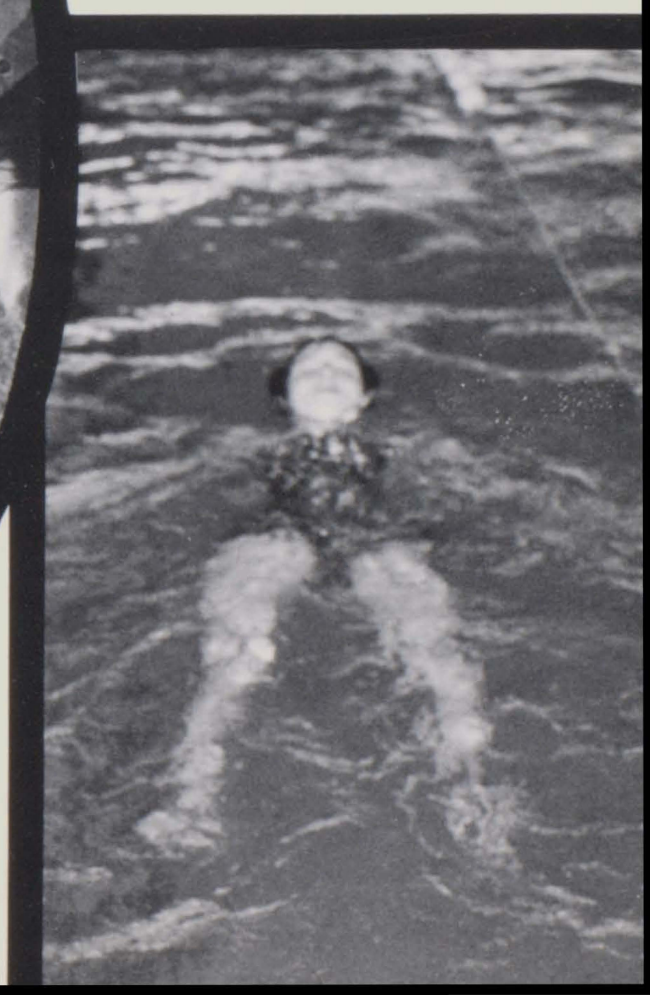
The path wasn't always smooth for the Mustangs. They experienced the same headaches and heartaches of students at other schools. So why did they come out on top this year? Possibly it was because they were inspired to "go for the gold," to use Dr. Thoms' words. And that meant they had to move in the right direction, together.

Varsity football player, senior Steve Ferrari escorts senior Denise Shuster, Homecoming Queen.

Office Aides: Bottom Row: Tania Carroll. **Second Row:** Keith Grenoble, Betty Jo Renner, Judy Sunderland, Lisa Bruffey. **Back Row:** Susie Jacomet, Sharon Chase, Debbie Kosner, Ursula Del Vecchio.

GM in the a.m., students head for class.

Senior Mike Johnson practices his pitch-out with Coach Jack Gambill.



On his back, junior Peter Droujinsky demonstrates the float.

MOVING AHEAD

George Mason High School was exemplary because it offered its students many different paths to take. In September students were allowed to choose their path and their own goals. Selecting a path meant moving ahead in an individual way with an individual style. Mustangs moved in a certain direction from September through June, realizing there was no turning back to relive those special moments or erase those experiences. By June the disappointments, frustrations, and anxieties became faded memories, overshadowed by the year's joyful times, successes, and rewards. By moving ahead in a direction that proved "right" for each student, the Mustangs felt that sense of accomplishment and school pride at the end of their school year.